

Meeting **REGIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Date **THURSDAY 22 JUNE 2010 – 2.00 p.m.**

Joint Report of **CHIEF EXECUTIVES DERBYSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY AND
LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY**

Subject **STANDARDS ISSUES UPDATE**

Purpose of Report

1. This report updates members on Standards Committee issues since the last meeting of the Committee.

Commentary

2. In March 2010 the Standards for England issued its Corporate Plan 2010-13. A copy is found at **Annex A** to this report. Members are asked for their views.
3. On 16 April 2010 the Chief Executive provided the required annual return to Standards for England summarising the work and operation of the Standards Committee and indicating that no complaints had been made against members for code of conduct issues in that time. A copy of the annual returns from the two police authorities are found at **Annex B** and **Annex C** to this report. Members' views are requested.
4. The general election on 6 May 2010 heralded in a new government. The Queen's speech contains the decentralisation and localism bill which proposes to "abolish the Standards Board regime". There seems to be no further detail one exactly how that will take shape. The Standards for England have issued a press release which is on their website indicating their disappointment at the decision to abolish the local government standards regime and have also written to Standards Committee Chairs regarding business as usual. A copy of the letter appears as **Annex D** to this report.
5. Chief Executive Leicestershire Police Authority will provide details of any issues of local interest relating to the code of conduct regime.

Recommendation

6. Members are invited to discuss the content of this report.

Implications

Financial: none. Legal: none. Diversity: none. Risk Management: none.

Background Papers

None.

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