

THE LOCALISM ACT 2011 – STANDARDS ARRANGEMENTS

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Wards affected: All

PROPOSED DECISION

The Standards Committee is invited to note the presentation to be given by the District Solicitor in respect of the current Localism Act 2011 standards regime and how the new standards arrangements have operated at Wycombe since they were introduced in July 2012.

Corporate Implications

1. Sections 27 and 28 of the Localism Act 2011 require the Council to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by members and co-opted members, to adopt a Code of Conduct which is consistent with the principles of selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership, and to have arrangements in place for the investigation of allegations and for the making of decisions on allegations.
2. A robust and effective standards regime to ensure high standards of conduct amongst elected Members both at District and Parish level, is essential to ensure probity in all decision making of the authorities of the District.

Conclusion

That the Committee notes the information contained in the presentation.