



What's on at the conference?

Phil Woolas MP, Minister for Local Government, Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, will open the conference by sharing his vision for the future of the ethical framework, including an update on the implementation of the revised Code of Conduct and proposals for a more locally regulated system.

There will be a wide range of conference sessions for delegates, as well as lots of opportunities to network. Updates on the programme will be posted on this website, so keep checking back. Sessions will cover a range of topics, including:

The bigger picture: where are we going?

Learn more about what an effective ethical environment looks like.

Understand more about the implications of the changing ethical environment, the local level complaint filter and revised Code of Conduct.

Help us work out how to best support your authority and standards committee over the coming years and gain insight into our plans for transformation into a strategic regulator.

Where are you now? Identify your steps going forward

Up to the minute research presents a national snapshot of the make-up, capacity and experience of standards committees.

Assess how your standards committee measures up.

Identify the strengths and weaknesses of your authority.

Facilitated workshops – share experiences, identify and discuss areas of improvement for you and your authority.

Work to establish key milestones moving forward.

Bridging the gap: tools to make the transition

An extensive selection of sessions, tailor-made to suit a range of skill and knowledge levels among delegates, including:

Local hearings and investigations – lessons learnt so far.

Corporate governance – integrating the ethical agenda.

A robust local filter – making it work effectively.

An inclusive approach to towns and parishes – share best practice.

Issues of independence – an opportunity to explore key topics.

New to the Code or conference?

Don't feel left out. This year, following delegate feedback, we will be running a session specifically for those attendees new to the Code or the conference.

Network with other delegates in a similar position.

Understand more about the intentions behind the Code of Conduct.

Get to grips with the ethical framework jargon.

Receive an introductory overview to the Standards Board for England and the conference and meet board members and staff.

Still wanting more?

As always, there will be a wide range of learning opportunities for delegates: debates, workshops, facilitated discussion groups and open house sessions. Many of our partnership organisations will be hosting additional fringe events too.

Don't forget – this is the most important event of the year for members and officers working with the Code of Conduct. So sign up to take your place now.

It may be necessary, for reasons beyond our control, to change the content or timing of the programme, speakers or venue.

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