

STANDARDS COMMITTEE – 28TH JUNE 2005

STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND'S ROAD SHOW 2005

Report of the: Monitoring Officer

Status: For Information

This report supports the Key Aim of promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct in local government.

Portfolio Holder Cllr. Loney

Head of Service Head of Legal and Committee Services – Mrs. Christine Nuttall

Recommendation: Members are requested to note this report.

Background

- 1 The Standards Board for England's Road Show was held at the Barbican Centre on 21st June 2005. The need for the Road Show had been identified at last year's Third Annual Assembly of the Standards Committees.

Introduction

- 2 The Programme consisted of the following items: -

- *Welcome and update*

A summary of key developments and progress since the Annual Assembly of Standards Committees in September 2004.

- *Cracking the Code*

A review of the Code of Conduct was announced at last year's Annual Assembly of Standards Committees. Attendees' views are sought and emerging themes will be shared.

- *The local agenda – questions, answers and discussion*

A chance to share your early experiences of local investigations and hearings, as the ethical agenda takes on a more local focus, and discuss the issues raised so far.

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- *What does an ethical authority look like? How do you get there?*

The Standards Board for England has contracted researchers to help define good practice and how it can be achieved. They will lead a discussion drawing upon the expertise and experience of those present.

- *Open house surgery*

Representatives of the Standards Board for England's legal and policy team, along with the chief executive and board members, will be available to respond to individual questions.

Conclusion

- 3 Those who attended the Road Show are invited to give a verbal summary of the afternoon's events.

Sources of Information: The Standards Board for England Roadshow
2005 Programme

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RISK ASSESSMENT STATEMENT

Attendance at the road show enables this Authority to keep up to date with the work of the board and the legislative changes that have taken place to enhance the role of corporate governance and ethical standards within the organisation.