Members are requested to attend:

STANDARDS COMMITTEE
Wednesday 14 January 2009
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1. Apologies for Absence.

2. Declarations of Interest

   Members' declarations of interest (if any) in relation to any matters on the agenda.

3. Minutes

   The minutes of the meeting held on 8 October 2008 are attached at pages 1 – 3.

4. Matters Arising.

5. Regulation 17

   Members are asked to note the guidance from The Adjudication Panel for England on situations where a direct referral from an Initial Assessment Hearing to the Standards Board for England might be appropriate (attached at pages 4 – 5).

6. Consultation – Code of Conduct

   Members are asked to noted the consultation response sent to the Department of Communities and Local Government on proposed revisions to the Code of Conduct (attached at pages 6 – 23).

7. Adjudication on a referral to the Standards Board

   Members are asked to note the report (attached at pages 24 - 27).

8. Independent Member Interviews

   A verbal report will be given at the meeting.

9. Matters of Urgent Business

   Such other business which, in the opinion of the Chair, should be considered as a matter of urgency by reason of special circumstances to be specified in the minutes.

10. Exclusion of Press and Public

The Chair will move that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following agenda item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as specified under Paragraph 2 of Part One of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, if and so long as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Paragraph 2 – Information likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

11. Initial Assessment (Standards) Sub Committee

Members are asked to note the minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2008 (attached at page 28).

12. Complaints – Update

An update on complaint ref: 1-1/9/08 will either be given verbally at the meeting or a late written report will be circulated (depending on progress).