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**LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY
ETHICAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE
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SUBJECT		STANDARDS ISSUES UPDATE
REPORT BY	DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE	
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SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF REPORT		
To draw together a number of miscellaneous strands relating to standards issues that have arisen since the last Standards Committee meeting.		
RECOMMENDATIONS	That: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the report be noted; 2. attendance at the forthcoming joint meeting of EM Standards Committees be considered; 3. attendance at the forthcoming Annual Assembly of Standards Committees be considered. 	

A. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

New Code of Conduct

1. Standards for England (SfE) have announced that the new Code of Conduct for Members will not be laid during this Parliamentary session. Communities and Local Government have notified SfE that the Government is concentrating on financial instruments and so there will not be Parliamentary time available for the Code.
2. In practice this means that a new Code will not now be laid until after a general election.

Joint meeting of East Midlands Standards Committees

3. Members will recall that Leicester Police Authority hosted a joint meeting of EM Standards Committees in June 2009, which was attended by the Chairman. Derbyshire Police Authority has agreed to host a similar meeting on 22 June 2010. Representatives of police authority standards committees in the region will be invited to attend.
4. Members may wish to consider nominating a representative(s) to attend the event in June.

2010 Annual Assembly of Standards Committees

5. The 2010 Annual Assembly of Standards Committees will be held over the 18th and 19th October 2010 at the International Convention Centre, Birmingham.
6. '**A place for standards**' is focused on sharing good practice, developing high standards and helping authorities to manage a proportionate, cost effective local standards framework.

A wide range of workshops and presentations will include:

- Sessions for new or less experienced delegates to build confidence in managing local assessment, investigations, hearings, determinations and the Code of Conduct
 - How to develop a place for standards in your authority, and proactively engage with members, leaders and key decision makers
 - How to successfully recruit independent standards committee members
 - How to develop a proactive work programme for your standards committee
 - How to deal with challenging behaviour and get 'difficult' members to understand the local standards framework
 - The right qualities and skills for an effective independent chair
 - To blog or not to blog: Using social media and staying within the Code
 - Dedicated sessions focused on town and parish councils and fire, police, integrated transport and parks authorities
7. Demand for the event is usually high, and places have been limited to five per authority, allocated on a first come, first served basis. The cost of attending the full conference will be £430 + VAT per delegate. Attendance on one of the two days will be £230 + VAT.
 8. Members may wish to consider Member/Officer representation at the forthcoming Annual Assembly.

Adjudication Panel for England

9. The work of Adjudication Panel for England (APE) has, from 18 January 2010, come under the jurisdiction of the General Regulatory Chamber as part of a plan to unify the tribunal system. Hence appeals to APE are now dealt with by the First-Tier Tribunal. There are no immediate implications for the Committee.

B. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None specific.

C. LEGAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

As detailed in the report.

D. PERSONNEL, EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

(including any impact or issues relating to Children and Young People under the Every Child Matters (ECM) framework.)

None.

E. RISK MANAGEMENT

None.

E. REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS

None planned.

F. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Date	Description	File
	None	