

**LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY
ETHICAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE
4 MARCH 2010**

SUBJECT		STANDARDS INDICATORS – OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2009
REPORT BY	DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE	
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SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF REPORT		
To present Standards Indicators for the period 1 October to 31 December 2009 for consideration.		
RECOMMENDATION	That the Standards Indicators for the period 1 October to 31 December 2009 attached at Appendix A be considered.	

A. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In June 2007, the Committee requested a review of the existing set of Standards Indicators to ensure that the ethical health of the Authority was being properly monitored and evidenced. Members were also concerned to ensure that a mix of both positive indicators (which are likely to evidence the adoption of high ethical standards) and contra indicators (evidencing weaknesses in the maintenance of standards) were provided.
- 1.2 At the Committee meeting held on 12th December 2007 Members considered and approved a number of quantitative (statistically based) standards indicators. These indicators will be reported to each meeting of the Standards Committee, with the information presented on a quarterly basis. Particularly over time as trends can be established, the Committee will be able to identify any areas of concern and explore how these might be addressed.

2. 2009/2010 STANDARDS INDICATORS

- 2.1 Indicators for the period 1 July to 31 December 2009 are attached at Appendix A for consideration.

B. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None specific.

C. LEGAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

None specific.

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.)

Issues of promoting and maintaining high ethical standards is one which appears a relevant matter for consideration by the Committee.

E. REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS

None specific.

F. RISK MANAGEMENT

None specific.

G. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Date	Description	File
	None	

Standards Indicators 2009/2010

No	Indicator	Quarter Ending	Cumulative
		31 Dec 2009	2009/2010
1	Number of Members in receipt of words of advice in relation to ethical/conduct issues.	0	0
2	Number of complainants alleging a breach of the Members' Code of Conduct.	0	0
3	Number of complainants referred by the Monitoring Officer to the Assessment Sub Committee.	0	0
4	Number of dispensations granted to Members from requirements relating to interests set out in the Members' Code of Conduct.	0	0
5	Number of Members who have failed to record changes to their entries in the Register of Interests within 28 days of (i) appointment (ii) the six monthly reminder being issued.	0	2
6	Number of Members who have undertaken training in the Code of Conduct provided by the Authority or another authority of which they are a member within the last 2 years or within 6 months of any relevant changes.	0	0
7	Percentage of agenda reports dealt with in Part B.	21%	Average for Year 19%
8	Percentage of Member attendance at Authority and Committee meetings.	82%	Average for Year 82%
9	Percentage of Member attendance at Task and Finish Group meetings.	91%	89%
10	Number of complaints referred to the Local Government Ombudsman of which the Authority has been notified.	0	0
11	Number of complaints referred to the Information Commissioner of which the Authority has been notified.	0	0
12	Number of upheld objections to the Audit Commission in relation to the Authority's accounts.	0	0
13	Number of Internal or External Audit reports received relating to matters of probity.	0	0