
REPORT TO:	STANDARDS COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 10
DATE OF MEETING:	12 TH NOVEMBER 2007	CATEGORY: DELEGATED
REPORT FROM:	MONITORING OFFICER	OPEN PARAGRAPH NO: N/A
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SUBJECT:	DVD – THE CODE UNCOVERED	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	

1.0 Reason for Exempt

1.1 Not applicable.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 None.

3.0 Purpose of Report

3.1 To provide Members of the Committee with the opportunity to view this DVD, which uses a fictional planning application dispute to illustrate the key changes to the revised Model Code of Conduct.

4.0 Detail

4.1 The Standards Board for England has produced a guidance DVD entitled “The Code Uncovered”, which uses a fictional planning application dispute to illustrate the key changes to the revised Model Code of Conduct. The DVD examines the rules about declaring interests, disclosing confidential information and bullying. The DVD is of particular value to new and continuing councillors who want to increase their understanding of certain parts of the Code of Conduct.

4.2 The Standards Board recommends that the DVD is watched by Standards Committee Members and used as a tool for discussion. The programme features learning points which appear throughout the drama. These sections identify key elements to consider when following the rules governing Members’ behaviour.

5.0 Financial Implications

5.1 None.

6.0 Corporate/Community Implications

6.1 None.