



Leicester  
City Council

**WARDS AFFECTED**  
**All Wards - Corporate Issue**

**FORWARD TIMETABLE OF CONSULTATION AND MEETINGS:**  
**Standards Committee**

**6 March 2008**

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**Standards Board for England (SBE) - Bulletins 36 and 37**

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**Report of the Town Clerk and Corporate Director of Resources**

**1. Purpose of Report**

To enable the Committee to consider the contents of SBE Bulletins 36 and 37.

**2. Recommendations**

The Committee is recommended to note the contents of SBE Bulletins 36 and 37 and to use the contents to inform the Committee's consideration of the remaining items on the Agenda.

**3. Report**

The Standards Board for England have recently published two Bulletins (36 in December 2007 and 37 in February 2008). These Bulletins are a bi-monthly round up of news and guidance, which are of particular reference to Members of the Standards Committee.

Highlights include:-

Bulletin 36:-

- The results of the local assessment pilot, which collected data from a broad range of authorities across England
- A checklist for local authorities in the run up to April 2008
- Details of a new role for Standards Committees as the role of independent adjudicator is abolished.
- Key findings from the latest Audit Commission self-assessment survey

Bulletin 37:-

- The main provisions concerning the ethical framework that have recently been brought into force
- Examples of good practice in publicising the local assessment of complaints
- Information on prejudicial interests and setting the authority's annual budget

- An introduction to the new Chief Executive

Much of the content of these Bulletins is highly relevant to the future direction, organisation and activities of Standards Committees and, as a consequence, informs much of the business on the Agenda for this meeting of the Committee.

#### 4. **Financial, Legal and Other Implications**

There are no financial or legal implications arising directly from this report.

#### 5. **Other Implications**

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	Paragraph References Within Supporting information
Equal Opportunities	<b>Yes</b>	Contained within the various articles within the Bulletins.
Policy	<b>Yes</b>	Contained within the various articles within the Bulletins.
Sustainable and Environmental	<b>No</b>	
Crime and Disorder	<b>No</b>	
Human Rights Act	<b>Yes</b>	Contained within the various articles within the Bulletins.
Elderly/People on Low Income	<b>No</b>	

#### 6. **Background Papers – Local Government Act 1972**

None.

#### 7. **Consultations**

None.

#### 8. **Report Author**

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