



Standards Committee – 20 April 2005

Standards Board for England – Roadshows 2005

Summary of report

To advise Committee of the Standards Board for England roadshow to be held at the Hyatt Hotel, Birmingham and request that up to three members be nominated to attend the event.

Recommendations

- (1) That the content of the report be noted;
- (2) That the Committee nominate up to three members to attend the Standards Board for England roadshow on 9 June 2005 at the Hyatt Hotel, Birmingham.

Resource and legal considerations

There will be a cost to the Council in reimbursing members reasonable out of pocket expenses such as travelling and subsistence expenses.

Report detail

The Standards Board for England has been running a series of events during the first half of 2005. The purpose of the events is to:

- Listen and respond to feedback and experiences, particularly where Council's have had local investigations or determinations
- Discuss the next steps which need to be taken to move the ethical framework forward
- Hear first hand views on the review of the Members Code of Conduct and share with participants the emerging themes
- Discuss the characteristics of good practice and how it can be achieved

- Talk about the improvements to the Standards Board for England performance
- Offer support and advise from the Standards Board for England legal and policy teams.

The roadshow for the West Midlands area will be held on Thursday 9 June 2005 at the Hyatt Hotel, Birmingham. A programme for the event is attached as an appendix to this report. The Committee can nominated up to three members to attend. If any of the members nominated cannot attend, Committee is requested to approve a list of named substitutes.

Background papers

All published

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ROADSHOW 2005

Programme		
1.30pm	Registration	Tea and coffee will be available.
2.00pm	Welcome and update	A summary of key developments and progress since the Annual Assembly of Standards Committees in September 2004.
2.10pm	Cracking the Code	A review of the Code of Conduct was announced at last year's Annual Assembly of Standards Committees. This session highlights the key issues under consideration.
2.30pm	The local agenda – questions, answers and discussion	A chance to share your early experiences of local investigations and hearings as the ethical agenda takes on a more local focus.
3.15pm	Break	Tea and coffee will be served.
3.30pm	Cracking the Code – feedback	Attendees are invited to share their views on the review of the Code of Conduct. There will be an opportunity for general feedback and responses to a range of specific questions.
4.30pm	End of formal session	Representatives of the Standards Board for England including the chief executive and board member, will be available to answer questions.
5.00pm	Close	