



**Walsall Council**

## **Standards Committee**

**12 July 2010**

### **Letter from Dr Robert Chilton, Chair, Standards for England**

#### **Summary of Report**

This report advises the Committee of a letter which was sent by Dr Robert Chilton, Chair, Standards for England on 1 June.

#### **Recommendations**

- (1) That the content of the report and letter be noted;

#### **Resource Considerations:**

##### **Financial:**

None arising from this report

##### **Legal:**

None arising from this report

##### **Staffing:**

None arising from this report

##### **Citizen Impact:**

None arising from this report

##### **Community Safety:**

None arising from this report

##### **Environmental:**

None arising from this report

**Performance and Risk Management:**

**Risk:**

None arising from this report

**Performance Management:**

None arising from this report

**Equality Implications:**

This report complies fully with the Council's policies on equality and diversity

**Consultation:**

None arising from this report

**Background papers**

All published

**Signed:**



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Dr Robert Chilton (Chair of Standards for England) has written to all colleagues on 1 June following an announcement in the Queens Speech advising that the Government's planned Decentralisation and Localism Bill would was to include proposals to "abolish the Standards Board regime".

A copy of Dr Chilton's letter is attached at Appendix A.

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Appendix A.



Sent via email

1 June 2010

Dear Colleague

As you will no doubt be aware the Government announced in the recent Queen's Speech that the proposed Decentralisation and Localism bill will include proposals to 'abolish the Standards Board regime'. Beyond this statement, we do not currently have clear details of the scope or implications of this proposal. However, until such time as the relevant legislation is passed, the statutory framework remains operative.

We will therefore continue to work with you to support your work. In turn, we expect you to continue with your statutory duties including the assessment of allegations, and we will continue to consider cases which you refer to us.

We remain committed to ensuring that there is a proper framework of local accountability in which the public can have confidence and we wish to work with central and local government to develop any proposals. As more details emerge we will keep you informed of developments and would be interested in hearing your views about how future arrangements could most effectively work.

In the meantime, if you need clarity on any specific issues, please do continue to call our enquiries line.

Yours sincerely



Dr Robert Chilton  
Chair