

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

STANDARDS FOR ENGLAND – A REVIEW OF THE LOCAL STANDARDS FRAMEWORK 17th June 2010

Report of the Monitoring Officer

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To bring to the Committee's attention a document that has been published by Standards for England and submitted to the government for consideration.

This report is public

RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) That the report be noted

1.0 Introduction

1.1 In March 2010, Standards for England published a document reviewing the local standards framework and recommending changes. A copy of the document is appended to this report for Members' information.

1.2 The document was submitted to the then government, and indeed many of the recommendations for change would require new primary or secondary legislation, for which there would be likely to be a formal consultation process.

1.3 The document is presented to Members for information, and as an indication as to how the local standards framework may change in the future, although clearly there may be other changes following the general election.

1.4 In that regard, a copy of a letter from the Chair of Standards for England of the 1st June 2010 is also appended to the report for Members' information.

2.0 Proposal Details

2.1 The report is for noting, although should Members have any particular comments on the any of the recommendations, these could be referred to Standards for England.

3.0 Details of Consultation

3.1 There has been no consultation

4.0 Options and Options Analysis (including risk assessment)

4.1 As indicated above, the report is for noting, but should the Committee's discussions raise any particular issues or views, these could be referred to Standards for England.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT (including Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)	
None	
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	
None arising from this report.	
SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS	
The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.	
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
Legal Services have been consulted and have no further comments.	
MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS	
The report has been prepared by the Monitoring Officer as the adviser to the Standards Committee.	
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