

Getting up to speed

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Overview

- Why have a Code?
- What does it all mean?
- Common misunderstandings
- What next?
- A chance to chat

Why have a Code?

Trust

“If the trust between members and the people they serve is missing, people will not invest their time and energy in taking part in the democratic process.”

Source: Phil Woolas, 2006

Why have a Code?

- Governance and services
- Ethics are a building block of good governance
- Good governance is essential for the provision of excellent services

What does it all mean?

- Definitions and misunderstandings
- Jargon busting

What does it all mean?

- The Code
- The Standards Board
- The Adjudication Panel
- Members
- Standards committees
- Independent members
- Monitoring officers

- Ethical standards officers
- Local filter
- Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG)
- Friends

What next?

- Revised Code
- Even more local investigations
- A local filter
- Embedding ethical behaviour as part of the culture

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