

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

ETHICAL GOVERNANCE WEBSITE

At the meeting of the Standards Committee on 7th October 2010, Members received a presentation on, and approved the launch of the 'Ethical Governance and Standards Committee' web page.

The subject headings are currently as follows:

- Introduction from Laurence Loft, independent Chair of the Council's Standards Committee
- Our commitment to high ethical standards
- Membership of the Standards Committee
- Standards for England
- Complaints and compliments about Councillors
- Common questions
- Council codes and policies

The page can be viewed at:

<http://cms.intra.blackburn.gov.uk/server.php?show=nav.3030>

If you have any comments or suggestions for items/documents that you feel could be included on the page please contact Janie Berry.

The web page and the work of the Standards Committee will also be highlighted in publications such as Team Talk and The Shuttle.

REGISTER OF INTERESTS

Members will be aware that it is a legal requirement to complete a 'Register of Interests' form, which is publicly available in accordance with section 81(1) of the Local Government Act 2000 on an annual basis. This form is required to be completed (usually following elections) even if the declaration is the same as a previous disclosure.

If a change to interests occurs during the course of the year, you are required to complete a 'Notification by members of a local authority of personal interests' form which can be obtained from Democratic Services.

Further guidance in relation to Register of Interest forms will be issued to all Members shortly.