



## Getting up to speed

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## Overview

- Why have high standards?
- What does it all mean?
- Common misunderstandings
- Why have this assembly?

## Why have high standards?

### Trust

***“A more locally-based conduct regime would ensure the right local ownership and a firmly embedded standards regime where it really matters, at the centre of local authorities. We need a culture of high standards in every authority in the country – it has to be the norm, not something remarkable or exceptional. This is not just a set of rules to be enforced, but has to be part of the political culture.”***

*Quote: Phil Woolas MP, then Minister for Local Government, 2006*

## Why have a Code of Conduct?

- consistency
- clear expectations for the public
- ethics are a building block of good governance

## What does it all mean?

- The Code
- Members
- The Standards Board for England
- The Adjudication Panel

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- Standards committees
- Independent members
- Monitoring officers
- Local filtering
- Ethical Standards Officers
- Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG)

## The Standards Board's new role

- promoting and championing high standards
- ensuring effectiveness of performance
- monitoring and supporting
- trends and consistency

## Key things for the Assembly

- the new standards framework and local filtering
- the revised Code
- share experiences and knowledge

## Any questions?

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