

Talk Back, Look Forward

The Standards Board for England Regional Roadshows

AGENDA ITEM: 10

East Midlands Roadshow – Monitoring Officers
Thursday 27 March 2003, 9:30am until 1:30pm
County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 7QP

9:30am **Registration**
Coffee, tea and light refreshments

10:00am **Welcome and introduction:**
Councillor Mick Warner, Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council

10:05am **The story so far...**
Paul Sabapathy, Board Member, The Standards Board for England

10:15am **Making an investigation work**
Lisa Klein, Senior Ethical Standards Officer, The Standards Board for England

This session will explore the three key areas that comprise the investigative process: planning and executing the investigation, and evaluating it in order to reach a decision. Case studies will be used to explore many of the concepts discussed.

11:00am **Comfort break**
Refreshments available

11:15am **Declaring interests: the facts**
Chris Boothman, Head of Legal Services, The Standards Board for England

There are many problematic areas surrounding the declaration of interests, not least questions relating to members of lobby groups and the issues of predetermination and bias. This session addresses these issues and explains The Standards Board's understanding of the appropriate advice to be given to members.

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12:00pm **Looking forward...**
Paul Sabapathy, Board Member, The Standards Board for England

12:05pm **Talk Back – Q&A and drop-in sessions**
Representatives from The Standards Board for England will be available to answer your questions and listen to your feedback.

Refreshments available

12:45pm **Buffet lunch**
Monitoring officers are invited to remain for lunch.

1:30pm **Close**

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East Midlands Roadshow – Standards Committees
Thursday 27 March 2003, 12:45pm until 4:45pm
County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 7QP

12:45pm **Registration and buffet lunch**

2:00pm **Welcome and introduction:**
Councillor Mick Warner, Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council

2:05pm **The story so far...**
Paul Sabapathy, Board Member, The Standards Board for England

2:15pm **Making a sound decision**
Chris Boothman, Head of Legal Services, The Standards Board for England

Using a case study, this session looks at what happens following an investigation. Participants will explore some of the options open to Standards Committees wanting to reach a sound decision when making a determination at local level.

3:00pm **Comfort break**
Refreshments available

3:15pm **Beyond the Code**
Paul Hoey, Head of Policy and Guidance, The Standards Board for England

This session will explore the different functions that Standards Committees can take on – above and beyond their adjudication role – to help promote an ethical environment within their authority. By sharing these experiences, we can establish the importance of Standards Committees in ensuring good governance of an authority.

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4:00pm **Looking forward...**
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4:05pm **Talk Back – Q&A and drop-in sessions**
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Refreshments available

4:45pm **Close**

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