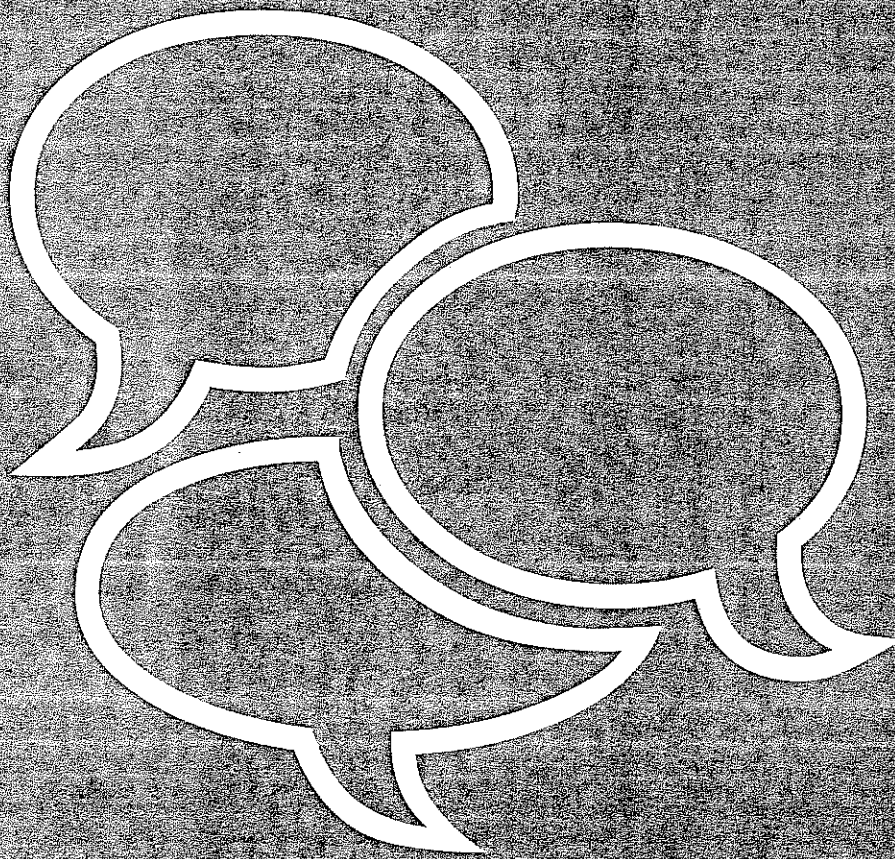




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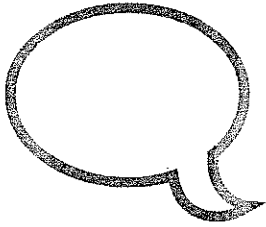
The Rt Hon Nick Raynsford MP will address delegates along with a number of other guest speakers.



a practical approach

Second Annual Assembly of Standards Committees
9 – 10 JUNE 2003, ICC BIRMINGHAM

plenary sessions



The Second Annual Assembly of Standards Committees provides an opportunity for members and officers to come together to discuss the practical implementation of the Code of Conduct, the implications of regulations covering local investigation and determination and building confidence in local democracy.

SECTION 66: LOCAL DETERMINATION AND INVESTIGATION

The conference begins with an update on the Section 66 regulations, explaining where we are with the legislation and what the implications are for Standards Committees, monitoring officers and the public's confidence in local democracy.

Following this session, delegates will break into a series of workshops, chaired by members of The Standards Board. Feedback from these workshops will be presented to Chris Leslie MP, who will address the conference at a later stage.

OTHER SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

THE RT. HON NICK RAYNSFORD MP, Minister of State for Local Government and the Regions, speaks about the Government's commitment to building confidence in local democracy.

CHRIS LESLIE MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, answers delegates questions.

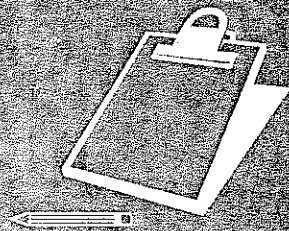
JOHN PITT, Monitoring Officer, Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council, discusses life after misconduct.

SIMON HOGGART, Sketch Writer *The Guardian*, **MATHEW TAYLOR**, Director IPPR, **CLAIRE FOX**, Director, Institute of Ideas,

BOB WORCESTER, Chair MORI, debate the nature and origin of ethics.

KEVIN MAGUIRE, Chief Reporter, *The Guardian* on 'Local government ethics: three boring words?'

workshops



Workshops are open to all delegates. Some sessions will run a number of times to cater for the differing needs of monitoring officers and Standard Committee members. The workshops include:

OPEN HOUSE QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSIONS

Specialists from The Standards Board will field questions on a range of subjects, including the practical implementation of the Code of Conduct.

CRACKING THE CODE

Working towards a legal interpretation of the Code of Conduct by The Standards Board for England.

A FEW BAD APPLES?

Tim Minogue, editor of *Private Eye's* Rotten-Boroughs column and Roger Taylor from The Standards Board, debate the state of local democracy. (To be confirmed.)

GETTING DOWN TO DETAIL

Participants work their way through a case study, making decisions and considering the possible outcomes.

TALKING SOFTLY? MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION

Exploring potential alternatives to investigation and sanctions.

THE OTHER AUTHORITIES?

A special session examining the particular needs of Police, Fire and National Parks authorities.

A PRACTICAL APPROACH TO THE ADJUDICATION PANEL

with David Laverick, President of The Adjudication Panel for England.

THE MULTIPLE MONITORING OFFICER

Is the monitoring officer's job manageable? This session examines conflicting responsibilities and explores possible resolutions.

OPEN AND CLOSED MINDS

This session considers predetermination and bias, and aspects of common law that impact on the implementation of the Code of Conduct.

INDEPENDENT, BUT NOT ALONE

A forum for independent members which looks at the challenges they face, their developing role and the need for a regional and national network.

COMMUNICATING FOR CONFIDENCE

A Chief Public Relations Officer and the editor of their local paper discuss how to improve the coverage of local government.

