

STANDARDS COMMITTEE – 3 MARCH 2011

Future of the Standards Regime

Flip Chart Notes

1. Voluntary Code:-

What is voluntary?

Could all Councillors be forced to sign-up? – unlikely (check wording)

Seek clarification from Government Office on whether all must sign up to it

2. What do we hope to achieve by a Code?

What do?

3. Code without teeth?

What point

Hope compel all to sign it

4. What teeth would be?

However, sets standards

These are the standards that the Council expects

If Code – people know what to expect

(Integrity – do not want to sign it – some will demonstrate)

If people do not sign up to it – put it on web page

Particular concerns about Parish Councils

Need set of rules

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How enforce without teeth

Concerns about the Standards Committee without the Independent members