



The future of the Ethical Standards Framework

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Context

- Abolition of Standards for England
- Abolition of the First Tier Tribunal
- No requirement to have a Standards Committee
- Power to suspend Members removed



What's left?

- Members to accept the 'Nolan Principles'
- Comply with the duty to promote and maintain high standards of conduct
- Adopt or not adopt a Code of Conduct



Interests and registers

- Criminal sanctions for failure to declare or register Interests
- Prosecution and/or standards sanction
- Will the DPP be interested in technical breaches?
- Will the rules be too complex?



Regulation in practice

- Merge Ethical Standards with Governance Committee?
- Sub Committee for complaints?
- Low level sanctions – what's the point?
- Parish Councils?



What next?

- Current system in place until end of 2011
- Future – a much lighter approach?
- Voluntary Code?
- Engaging with Members to shape what's right for South Ribble
- Next steps – your views