

# The Localism Act 2011



## Standards Committee

UPDATE



# Introduction



- ▶ Current Position
- ▶ Recommendations to Council

# Current Position



- Commencement date – 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012
- Still awaiting supporting regulations and Commencement Orders. Expected between March and May 2012 !!!
- Independent Person – appointment
- Interim Code, Hearing & Investigation Procedure
- Working towards adoption at full Council on 23 May 2012
- Effective - 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012

# Code of Conduct



- Awaiting Regulations
- No National Code
- Require Interim Code – current provisions
- Registration of Interests –  
Personal/Prejudicial
- Authority to publish register of interests

# Standards Committee



- Current arrangements cease
- Authority to establish new Standards Committee
- Authority for Monitoring Officer to determine complaints
- Authority for Standards Committee to determine the outcome of complaints and apply sanctions
- Authority to make constitutional changes

# Conclusion



- Position still uncertain – need regulations
- Need to adopt interim Code of Conduct and Procedures and appoint Independent Person
- Approval of recommendations