

- 5.2 For the new, reformed ethical regime based on this devolutionary approach to become operational, the DCLG need to make regulations and orders under the Local Government Act 2000 (the 2000 Act) as amended by Part 10 of the 2007 Act to implement the proposals set out in the Local Government White Paper to deliver a more locally based conduct regime for local government members, with local standards committees making initial assessments of misconduct allegations and most investigations and determinations of cases taking place at local level.
- 5.3 In its Consultation Paper the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) is consulting on the detailed arrangements for putting into effect the revised ethical regime; other undertakings relating to the operation of the regime in respect of the political restrictions imposed on certain local government posts; the maximum pay of political assistants and proposals to amend the Relevant Authorities (Standards Committees) (Dispensations) Regulations 2002, with a view to resolving concerns which have been raised by some local authorities on the operation of some aspects of the current provisions.
- 5.6 Members will see that DCLG have asked local authorities to respond to 16 specific questions. The proposed answers to these questions together with some general comments are set out in Appendix 1 of this report for Members' consideration/approval.

6. Background Papers

None