

**MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL
REPORT FOR RESOLUTION**

COMMITTEE: Standards Committee
DATE: 7 September 2009
SUBJECT: Public Perceptions of Ethics
REPORT OF: The City Solicitor

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To inform the Standards Committee of the Standards Board for England's report entitled "Public Perceptions of Ethics".

RECOMMENDATIONS:

For the Standards Committee to note the contents of the report.

FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES FOR REVENUE BUDGET:

None.

FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES FOR CAPITAL BUDGET:

None.

WARDS AFFECTED:

All.

IMPLICATIONS FOR:

Antipoverty	Equal Opportunities	Environment	Employment
No	No	No	No

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None

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1. Every two years the Standards Board for England measures and monitors the public's perceptions of local councillors' ethical standards and their confidence in the mechanisms for dealing with shortcomings in behaviour. The report sets out the results of the Standards Board's programme of research to assess the impact of the standards framework.

Report

2. The Standards Board reports that the research shows that the public perception of councillors is better than MP's. The Chief Executive for the Standards Board for England, Glenys Stacey, has stated:

"It is pleasing therefore, to see that trust in local politicians held up favourably compared to people's views about national politicians. Local councillors sign up to a robust Code of Conduct allied to an effective local standards framework which deals with 2,800 complaints a year about England's 80,000 local politicians."

2. Members are asked to note the contents of the report which can be viewed in full on the Standards for England website using this link.

http://www.standardsforengland.gov.uk/Research/2009reports/paper_PPE_2009_23July2009_FINALTR1.pdf