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To: Standards Committee – 14 July 2011

Subject: The Localism Bill – proposed changes to the Standards regime

Summary: This report invites the Standards Committee to comment on the proposed consultation document on the future of the ethical standards regime within Kent County Council.

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1. At its meeting on 11 May 2011, the Standards Committee met with Group Leaders to discuss the proposed changes to the Standards regime included in the Localism Bill. The Committee requested the Head of Democratic Services to prepare a draft consultation document on the future of the ethical standards regime for this meeting of the Committee

2. For ease of reference, the two previous reports to this Committee on this matter, considered on 8 February and 11 May 2011, are attached to this report (**Appendices 1 and 2**).

Recommendation:

3. The Committee' views are requested on the content and format of the proposed consultation document (attached at **Appendix 3**) and to confirm the proposed methods of consultation and the suggested consultees detailed in the consultation document.

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