



STANDARDS COMMITTEE
15 September 2008

STANDARDS AND ETHICS AWARD

PURPOSE OF REPORT: to decide

To consider whether to enter for the Standards and Ethics Award at the 2009 LGC Awards.

INTRODUCTION:

The Chairman of the Standards Committee received a letter dated 10 July 2008 from the Standards Board for England. The letter introduces the Standards and Ethics award category at the 2009 LGC Awards and is attached as Annexe 1.

CRITERIA

The website www.lgcawards.co.uk outlines the criteria for winning the award as follows:

“The majority of Members and officers feel that maintaining high standards of behaviour for Members is one of the most important issues facing local government. This award will go the authority that can prove they have put ethical standards at the heart of their culture and at the core of their governance. The judges will be looking for entries which describe how their authority’s commitment to promoting ethical standards has improved public trust in local democracy. Entries must also provide evidence of an innovative approach to promoting high standards of Member conduct and how the ethical standards agenda has the full, proactive support of the Council’s leadership”.

The awards opened on 10 July 2008. The closing date for entries is 3 October 2008.

RECOMMENDATION:

To decide whether to enter the Standards and Ethics Award at the 2009 LGC Awards.

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Sources/background papers: www.lgcawards.co.uk