



This year's conference includes two days of specialised workshops on the practical implementation of the Code of Conduct for Standards Committee members and monitoring officers.

The Rt Hon Nick Raynsford MP will address delegates along with a number of other guest speakers.

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Second Annual Assembly of Standards Committees

9-10 JUNE 2003, ICC BIRMINGHAM

Confidence in local democracy

plenary sessions



The Second Annual Assembly of Standards Committees provides an opportunity for members and officers to come together to discuss the practical implementation of the Code of Conduct, the implications of regulations covering local investigation and determination and building confidence in local democracy.

SECTION 66: LOCAL DETERMINATION AND INVESTIGATION

The conference begins with an update on the Section 66 regulations, explaining where we are with the legislation and what the implications are for Standards Committees, monitoring officers and the public's confidence in local democracy.

Following this session, delegates will break into a series of workshops, chaired by members of The Standards Board. Feedback from these workshops will be presented to Chris Leslie MP, who will address the conference at a later stage.

OTHER SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

THE RT. HON NICK RAYNSFORD MP, Minister of State for Local Government and the Regions, speaks about the Government's commitment to building confidence in local democracy.

CHRIS LESLIE MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, answers delegates questions.

JOHN PITT, Monitoring Officer, Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council, discusses life after misconduct.

SIMON HOGGART, Sketch Writer *The Guardian*, MATHEW TAYLOR, Director IPPR, CLAIRE FOX, Director, Institute of Ideas, BOB WORCESTER, Chair MORI, debate the nature and origin of ethics.

KEVIN MAGUIRE, Chief Reporter, *The Guardian* on 'Local government ethics: three boring words?'

workshops



Workshops are open to all delegates. Some sessions will run a number of times to cater for the differing needs of monitoring officers and Standard Committee members. The workshops include:

OPEN HOUSE QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSIONS

CRACKING THE CODE

A FEW BAD APPLES?

GETTING DOWN TO DETAIL

TALKING SOFTLY? MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION

THE OTHER AUTHORITIES?

A PRACTICAL APPROACH TO THE ADJUDICATION PANEL

THE MULTIPLE MONITORING OFFICER

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