

**North East Derbyshire District Council**

**Standards Committee**

**2 October 2014**

<b>Ethical Standards for the Providers of Public Services</b>
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**Report No ADGMO/25/14/MK/SS of the Assistant Director – Governance and Monitoring Officer**

This report is public

**Purpose of the Report**

- To advise Committee of a recent report by the Committee on Standards in Public Life around ethical standards for providers of public services.

**1 Report Details**

- 1.1 The Committee on Standards in Public Life (CSPL) have produced the report Ethical Standards for the Providers of Public Services (attached), following research commissioned from Ipsos MORI 'to test the expectations and assurance of ethical standards in the public service market', given that 'public services are increasingly being delivered from those outside the public sector'.
- 1.2 The report outlines the size and range of the market involved and highlights how new actors are being increasingly included, such as academy schools and mutuals.
- 1.3 The body of the report sets out the findings from the research done with users, providers and commissioners of public services. It goes on to make recommendations about ensuring a framework is in place so that ethical considerations are mainstreamed into commissioning processes.
- 1.4 The report, though aimed primarily at central government, is very relevant to local government given the sheer scale of outsourcing in local authorities.

**2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation**

- 2.1 To enable the Committee to consider the report.

**3 Consultation and Equality Impact**

- 3.1 N/A

**4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

- 4.1 N/A

## 5 **Implications**

N/A

## 6 **Recommendations**

- 6.1 Committee notes the report from the Committee on Standards in Public Life around ethical standards for providers of public services.

## 7 **Decision Information**

<b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b> (A Key Decision is one which results in income or expenditure to the Council of £50,000 or more or which has a significant impact on two or more District wards)	No
<b>District Wards Affected</b>	N/A
<b>Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework</b>	N/A

## 8 **Document Information**

<b>Appendix No</b>	<b>Title</b>
A	Ethical Standards for the Providers in Public Services
<b>Background Papers</b> (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)	
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