

Booking is now open for the 2010 Annual Assembly of Standards Committees, 'A place for standards', on 18 and 19 October 2010 at the International Convention Centre, Birmingham.

'A place for standards' is an essential diary date for anyone who wants to build their knowledge of the Code of Conduct and the local standards framework, including:

- Independent and elected members of standards committees.
- Monitoring officers and legal and democratic services teams.
- Elected members with special responsibility for standards and ethics.
- Chief executives and council leaders.

The event has sold out quickly for the past three years, so early booking is highly recommended.



Appendix 5

Sharing good practice, building skills and confidence

'A place for standards' is focused on sharing good practice, developing high standards and helping authorities to manage a proportionate, cost effective local standards framework.

A wide range of workshops and presentations will include:

- Sessions for new or less experienced delegates to build confidence in managing local assessment, investigations, hearings, determinations and the Code of Conduct.
- How to develop a place for standards in your authority, and proactively engage with members, leaders and key decision makers.
- How to successfully recruit independent standards committee members.
- How to develop a proactive work programme for your standards committee.
- How to deal with challenging behaviour and get 'difficult' members to understand the local standards framework.
- The right qualities and skills for an effective independent chair.
- To blog or not to blog? Using social media and staying within the Code.
- Dedicated sessions focused on town and parish councils and fire, police, integrated transport and parks authorities.