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Paper

STANDARDS FOR ENGLAND ANNUAL ASSEMBLY 2010

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Summary

To report the receipt of a letter from Standards for England which explains that its annual assembly, due to take place in Birmingham on 18 and 19 October 2010, has been cancelled.

Recommendations

- A. That the report be noted.

REPORT

1. The Council has received a copy of the following letter, via email, which has been sent to all local authorities.

“Dear Colleague

STANDARDS FOR ENGLAND ANNUAL ASSEMBLY 2010

As you will be aware the Government has announced that there will be provisions in its proposed Decentralisation and Localism bill ‘to abolish the Standards Board regime’.

We are making changes to our plans, to reflect the new situation, and I am writing to you now in relation to one of our planned key events, the Annual Assembly due to take place at the International Convention Centre (ICC), Birmingham, on 18 and 19 October this year.

We do not expect the draft bill to be published until the autumn, where we can expect to understand better the implications for local government and know to what extent any local standards framework is proposed. This will be too late

to inform our event preparations, and in consultation with CLG we have now taken the decision to cancel the 2010 Annual Assembly.

Our external event partners – Benedict Business Resources – will be writing shortly to individuals who are already booked to attend the event, and I though you would appreciate this advance notice. Delegates will receive a full refund, with Benedict’s contacting individual delegates directly with the necessary details in next few days.

We are contacting our scheduled event speakers to let them know of the decision. In the meantime, if you need clarity on any specific issues, please do call our enquiries line.

Yours sincerely

Glenys Stacey
Chief Executive”

2. Five seats had been booked for member and officer representation from the Council to attend the annual assembly, and as stated above, the Council will be receiving a refund on these bookings.

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

Copy letter as shown in report.

Human Rights Act Appraisal

N/A

Environmental Appraisal

N/A

Risk Management Appraisal

N/A

Community / Consultations Appraisal

N/A

Cabinet Member

N/A

Local Member

All areas of the County.

Appendices