

Report of	Meeting	Date
Corporate Director of Governance	Standards Committee	28 March 2008

## DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

### PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To consider the enclosed fact sheet from the Standards Board for England relating to disclosing confidential information.

### RECOMMENDATION(S)

- To note the fact sheet and to consider whether further guidance should be produced on information accessible by members and disclosed by members.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

- The fact sheet provides a summary of key points and frequently asked questions about disclosing confidential information under the 2007 revised Code of Conduct for members.

### CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- This report does not relate to the Strategic Objectives.

Put Chorley at the heart of regional economic development in the Central Lancashire sub-region		Develop local solutions to climate change.	
Improving equality of opportunity and life chances		Develop the Character and feel of Chorley as a good place to live	
Involving people in their communities		Ensure Chorley Borough Council is a performing organization	

### BACKGROUND

- Disclosure of confidential information was highlighted on the Standards Committee work programme as an area where guidance for members should be considered.

### CONSIDERATION OF THE FACT SHEET

- The Committee are asked to consider the fact sheet.
- The Committee are requested to discuss whether guidance should be produced on information that is accessible by members.

## IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

8. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Corporate Directors' comments are included:

Finance		Customer Services	
Human Resources		Equality and Diversity	
Legal	√	No significant implications in this area	

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<b>Background Papers</b>			
<b>Document</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>File</b>	<b>Place of Inspection</b>
Standards Board for England fact sheet "disclosing confidential information".	1 October 2007	Standards Committee	Council's website

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