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Good morning everyone

Please see the Consultation document below in respect of Standards Matter 2: Public Consultation and Public Sector Surveys.

Please email your responses to this consultation to policycomms@nalc.gov.uk by 17.00 on 4 December 2020.

Kindest regards, Glen



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Dear colleagues,

The Committee on Standards in Public Life has recently launched a consultation as part of its review into the institutions, processes and structures in place to support high standards of conduct. The terms of reference of the review are to:

- review the evidence as to how well ethical standards are upheld in public life in the UK
- review the evidence on the strength of the UK's arrangements for regulating and promoting ethical standards
- review the adequacy and continuing relevance of the Seven Principles of Public Life,
- identify examples of best practice in the regulation of ethical standards
- identify examples of best practice in the promotion of cultures that celebrate and encourage high ethical standards.

The main consultation document is available [here](#).

NALC will be responding to the consultation questions as follows:

Question 1: Standards of Conduct in the UK

- A. How well do you think ethical standards - as enshrined by the Seven Principles of Public Life - are upheld in public life today?
- B. Do you believe that there have there been any notable shifts in approaches or attitudes to ethical standards in public life in recent years?
- C. What do you see as the most significant threats to ethical standards in public life today?

Question 2: The Seven Principles of Public Life

- A. Do the Seven Principles of Public Life accurately describe the appropriate ethical responsibilities for those in public roles, including both political and non-political office-holders?
- B. Would you amend or replace any of the principles or their descriptors? If so, how?

Question 3: The UK's arrangements for regulating standards

- A. Are you confident that the UK's arrangements for regulating ethical standards are robust and effective?
- B. Are there any areas of public life where regulation on issues of ethical standards is not strong enough?

Question 4: Best practice in standards regulation

- A. What makes an effective standards regulator?
- B. Do the UK's standards regulators have the right powers and remit to act effectively?
- C. Should the independence of standards regulators be enhanced and protected, and if so, how?

Question 5: Creating ethical cultures

- A. How can the Seven Principles best be embedded within a public sector organisation's working culture?
- B. What are the most significant obstacles to embedding high ethical standards in a public sector organisation?

Responses

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Kind Regards,

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