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Dear Alistair

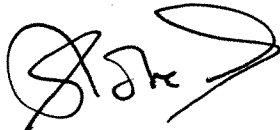
**Publication of the Tenth Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life:  
19 January 2005**

Many thanks for your letter of 18 January, enclosing a copy of the Tenth Report of the Committee. Thanks too for the many positive references in the report to the work of the Commission and the extent to which points made in our written and oral evidence were taken on board by the Committee in its deliberations.

I believe the report will be widely welcomed and has reached the right conclusions on standards in local government. The balance you have struck between achieving high standards of conduct and ensuring the means of doing so do not become oppressive is very welcome.

For our part, we are now giving serious thought to how we might respond to acceptance by central and local government of the recommendations for more extensive use of our audit tools.

Yours sincerely



**Steve Bundred**  
**Chief Executive**