

To Chief Executives of:  
County Councils and District Councils in England  
London Borough Councils  
The Greater London Authority  
National Park Authorities  
The Broads Authority

1 October 2008

The Clerk of:  
City of London  
Council of the Isle of Scilly  
Combined Fire and Rescue Authorities  
Fire and Civil Defence Authorities  
Police Authorities in England and Wales

The Clerk of:  
Parish and Town Councils in England

Dear Colleague,

**Communities in control: Real people, real power: Codes of conduct for local authority members and employees – A consultation**

I am writing to draw your attention to the above consultation paper which was published on the Communities and Local Government website on 1 October. I also enclose a paper copy of the consultation for your consideration.

You will see that this is the next in a series of Communities in Control consultation documents following the publication of the Local Government Empowerment White Paper, *Communities in Control: Real people, real power*, on 9 July, and building on work still in progress from the 2006 White Paper, *Strong and Prosperous Communities*.

This paper invites views on proposals for revising the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 and the Relevant Authorities (General Principles) Order 2001. It also seeks views on the proposed introduction of a model code of conduct for local government employees. Particular questions on which we would welcome comments are summarised at Annex A to the paper.

Copies of the consultation paper are being sent to all principal local authorities, parish councils and other organisations and individuals who have a particular interest in these issues. If you wish to comment, please send responses either by post to:

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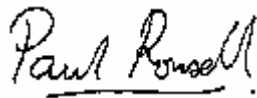
Or by e-mail to: [conductcode@communities.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:conductcode@communities.gsi.gov.uk)

By **Wednesday 24 December 2008**.

Any queries you may have about this letter or the enclosed paper should be directed to Karl Holden (tel: 0207 944 5962; [conductcode@communities.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:conductcode@communities.gsi.gov.uk)).

You will also be interested to know that, as announced in the *Communities in control: Real people, real power: Improving local accountability* consultation paper, we will be consulting at the end of October on proposals to revise the code of recommended practice on local authority publicity. A paper copy of the consultation paper will be sent to you on publication.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Rowsell". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined.

**Paul Rowsell**