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94% in favour of councillor's Code of Conduct

There's a high - and growing - level of support among councillors for the national Code of Conduct covering their behaviour.

Councillors and council officers recognise the importance of high standards to local democracy, and they are increasingly supportive of the work of the Standards Board for England, the national regulator of councillor behaviour.

The Standards Board for England researches the views of councillors and council officers every two years.

This year's survey shows support for the Code of Conduct and the local standards framework is at an all time high:

- 94% support the need for members to sign up to the Code, an increase of 10% since 2004
- 83% consider maintaining high standards of behaviour to be one of the most important issues facing local government
- More than 70% feel that it is right for complaints to be handled locally