

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....2nd August 2007

1. Title of Item/Report

Annual Report of the Standards Committee - 2006/07

2. Record of the Decision

Members considered a report relating to the Standards Committee's Annual Report for 2006/07. The Chairman of the Standards Committee, Mr Francis Hayes, was in attendance to present the report and answer any questions about the work the Committee had undertaken.

It was noted that the production of annual reports was an essential part of the Council's performance monitoring, reporting and planning procedures. Monitoring, planning and reviewing the work of the Standards Committee should equally therefore include an annual reporting process as best practice.

Members were provided with the Committee's second Annual Report for 2006/2007.

It was explained that the purpose of the Report was not only to provide an overview of the work of the Committee in the past year, but also to identify and promote examples of best practice and to provide an opportunity to review and learn from experience. The Report therefore set out the Committee's Statutory responsibilities, summarised how those duties had been discharged during 2006/07 and drew attention to those issues that would require attention in the year ahead.

Members were advised that consultation on the Report had previously taken place with the relevant Cabinet Member; the Head of Legal Services as Deputy Monitoring Officer; the Head of Democratic Services; the Corporate Governance Group; the Corporate Management Team; and the Audit Committee. It was noted that the Report would also be placed on the intranet and the internet for the attention of all Members/Officers. A hard copy would, in addition be made available to each member of the Standards Committee.

RECOMMENDED to Council that:-

The Standards Committee's Annual Report be approved.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To ensure that the duties and responsibilities of the Standards Committee, and its work during the past year in connection with the authority's corporate/ethical governance, is brought to the attention of all Members and to as wide a cross-section of Officers as possible.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

Not Applicable

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Not Applicable

Proper Officer  
06 July 2007