

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting6th August 2009

1. Title of Item/Report

Annual Report of the Standards Committee 2008/2009

2. Record of the Decision

Cabinet considered the Standards Committee's Annual Report for 2008/09 which was presented by the Chair of the Committee and the Monitoring Officer.

It was noted 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 they had changed during the year and how they had been discharged. It also drew attention to some of the main issues that would require attention in the year ahead.

Cabinet was asked to consider the report, provide any comments it wished to make on its content and to recommend it to full Council for acceptance.

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. Once agreed 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 considered and 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, were 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
10 August 2009