

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting6th August 2009

1. Title of Item/Report

Annual Report of the Monitoring Officer - 2008/2009

2. Record of the Decision

Cabinet was provided with the opportunity to consider the Monitoring Officer's Annual Report for 2008/2009.

. As with the Standards Committee's Annual Report the purpose of the Monitoring Officer's Report was to provide an overview of the work undertaken in the past year, 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 Monitoring Officer's Statutory responsibilities, summarised how they had been extended 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 wishes to make on its content and to recommend it to full Council for approval.

It was explained 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; the Standards Committee 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 Monitoring Officer's Annual Report be considered and approved

3. Reasons for the Decision

To ensure that the duties and responsibilities of the Monitoring Officer,

and the Monitoring Officer's 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