

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....19th April 2012

1. Title of Item/Report

Annual Report of the Standards Committee - 2011/12

2. Record of the Decision

Cabinet considered a report that provided it with the opportunity to consider the Standards Committee's Annual Report for 2011/12 and to recommend it to the Council for approval.

The Report provided an overview of the work of the Committee in the past year. It set out the Committee's main statutory responsibilities, and summarised how they had been discharged. The Report had been prepared in the context of the significant changes proposed to the national and local standards regime, as set out in the Localism Act. These changes were anticipated to become effective from 1 July onwards.

Consultation on the Report had previously taken place with Group Leaders and the relevant Cabinet Member; the Head of Legal Services as Deputy Monitoring Officer; the Head of Democratic Services; the Corporate Governance Group and the Corporate Management Team. The report had also been circulated to Audit Committee Members. Once agreed the Report would be placed on the intranet and the internet for the attention of all Members/Officers and would be made available to Town/Parish Councils.

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, was 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

Midnight on Friday 27 April 2012

Proper Officer  
30 April 2012