

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO CORPORATE, ADULT SERVICES, AND SOCIAL INCLUSION SELECT COMMITTEE

13 SEPTEMBER 2011

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER – 2010/11

Summary

This report provides Stockton Council's Corporate, Adult Services, and Social Inclusion Select Committee (CASSI) with an overview of the role and responsibilities of the Monitoring Officer in the form of the Annual Report for 2010/11.

DETAIL

1. The Monitoring Officer's Annual Report outlines the Monitoring Officer's main statutory responsibilities, summarises how they have been discharged during the year and draws attention to some of the main issues that will require attention in the year ahead.
2. A copy of the Report is attached as an appendix.
3. The Committee is asked to consider the Report and provide any comments or queries it may have on its contents.
4. Consultation on the Report has 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; the Corporate Management Team; and the Standards Committee. The report was also presented to the Audit Committee on 27 June; Cabinet on the 16th June and Council on the 29th June. The Report can be found on the intranet and the internet for the attention of all Members/Officers.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial

5. None specified as a result of this report. There will be financial implications inherent in specific elements of the Monitoring Officer's work programme.

Legal

6. Similarly, none arising from this report, but there are legal implications referred to in the Annual Report itself.

RISK ASSESSMENT

7. Matters identified in the Annual Report are assessed separately. This report is a low risk category.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY IMPLICATIONS

8. Effective corporate and ethical governance is critical to an authority's performance and to demonstrating continuous improvement. Probity and high standards are an inherent part of corporate/ethical governance, Law and Democracy's Service Plan and the Council Plan. The Annual Report is concerned with such governance in all of its aspects.

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

9. The Annual Report has not been subject to an assessment. No changes to policies or services are proposed. The Report reflects what has occurred during the past year.

CONSULTATION

10. The Annual Report has been produced in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Standards Committee and as specified in paragraph 4 of the report.

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Background Papers:

Ward(s) and Ward Councillors:

Property Implications:

The Annual Report attached

Not Ward specific

None