

## STANDARDS COMMITTEE – 13 NOVEMBER 2008

### REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER 2008

Report of the: Monitoring Officer

Status: For consideration and decision

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**This report supports the Key Aim of** effective management of Council resources.

**Portfolio Holder** Cllr. Loney

**Head of Service** Head of Legal and Democratic Services – Christine Nuttall

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**Recommendation:** (a) That Members are requested to comment on and endorse the Monitoring Officer's Annual Report; and

(b) that the Full Council notes the Monitoring Officer's Report.

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### Background

- 1 This is the fourth Annual Report of the Monitoring Officer as attached as an appendix to this report.

### Introduction

- 2 The purpose of the Monitoring Officer's Report is to provide an overview of the work of the Monitoring Officer in the past year and to provide an opportunity to review and learn from experience.

### Substance of Report

- 3 The Monitoring Officer's Report sets out the Monitoring Officer's statutory responsibilities, summarises how these duties have been discharged during 2008 in accordance with the Council's Constitution, legislative requirements and draws attention to those issues that will require attention in the next calendar year.

### Key Implications

#### Financial Implications

- 4 The Monitoring Officer's Report has not identified any financial implications for this Council over and above normal requirements.

#### Legal and Human Rights Implications

- 5 The Monitoring Officer's Report has not uncovered any legal impropriety.

Equality

- 6 This report has not identified any equality issues.

**Risk Assessment Statement**

- 7 The Monitoring Officer's Report increases awareness of the ethical framework and sets out the good governance arrangements that have been set in place. The Monitoring Officer's Report has not identified any illegalities and has not identified any potential illegalities for the next calendar year. The risk of impropriety remains low.

**Sources of Information:**

Information supplied by the Standards Board for England

Information supplied by various officers and sections of the Council

Ombudsman's Report

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