

Item 7 (a) – Monitoring Officer’s Annual Report

The attached report was considered by the Standards Committee, relevant minute extract below:

Standards Committee - 16 January 2014 (Minute 3)

The Chief Legal and Governance & Monitoring Officer presented her ninth Annual report, which provided an overview of her work; the work of the Standards Committee; and other governance arrangements monitored by other committees within the Council. Providing Members and the public with valuable information which should promote Member and Public confidence in the high ethical standards set by the Council. Of particular note was that a review of the new governance arrangements was being undertaken by the Governance Committee; that there had been no unlawfulness or maladministration over the last twelve months, and the last nine years; there had been an inspection by the Chief Surveillance Commissioner in relation to the Council’s covert operations and the inspection had gone well; and the new Standards regime had been working well with only three complaints this year.

Resolved: That the Monitoring Officer’s Annual report be noted.

The Committee gave a vote of thanks to the Monitoring Officer for all her work.