

STANDARDS COMMITTEE – 3RD NOVEMBER 2005

REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER 2005

Report of the: Monitoring Officer

Status: For consideration and decision

This report supports the Key Aim of accountability in respect of ethical standards.

Portfolio Holder Cllr. Loney

Head of Service Head of Legal Services – Mrs. Christine Nuttall

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 2005.

Background

- 1 This is the first 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, summaries how these duties have been discharged during 2005 in accordance with the Council's Constitution, legislative requirements and draws attention to those issues that will require attention in the next calendar year.

Financial Implications

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

Legal Implications

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

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Sources of Information: Information supplied by various officers and sections of the Council

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**Corporate Resources Director
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RISK ASSESSMENT STATEMENT

The Monitoring Officer's report increases awareness of the ethical framework and sets out the good governance arrangements that have been set in place.

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