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| **Body:** | STANDARDS COMMITTEE |
| **Date:** | MONDAY 13 JULY 2009 |
| **Subject:** | THE STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND ANNUAL RETURN |
| **Report Of:** | Alice Rowland, Lawyer to the Council and Monitoring Officer |
| **Ward(s)** | All |
| **Purpose** | To update the Committee as to the information supplied to the Standards Board for England. |
| **Recommendation:** | That the contents of this report be noted. |
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## 1.0 Background

1.1 All local authorities are required to complete an annual return informing the Standards Board of the processes and procedures that we operate to manage the local standards framework. It is an opportunity to tell the Standards Board about the activities of our Standards Committee and arrangements for promoting and supporting high standards of ethical conduct.

1.2 The information collected by the Standards Board from the annual returns will be used by them to drive up performance, champion the work of Standards Committees, and to ensure that they have an effective overview of local standard frameworks.

## 2.0 Annual Return

2.1 The writer of this report compiled the return using the information held in the Monitoring Officer files and with the assistance of various other Officers.

2.2 The annual return is attached in Appendix 1. It was submitted to the Standards Board for England on 14 May 2009.

## 3.0 Consultation

3.1 None

## 4.0 Resource Implications

4.1 Financial

None

4.2 Staffing

None

**5.0 Conclusion**

5.1 The Committee is asked to note the contents of the report.

**Alice Rowland**
**Lawyer to the Council and Monitoring Officer**

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**Background Papers:**

The Background Papers used in compiling this report were as follows:

Files kept by the Monitoring Officer.

To inspect or obtain copies of background papers please refer to the contact officer listed above.

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