

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

Standards Committee

14th December 2009

1. **STANDARDS FOR ENGLAND - ANNUAL REVIEW 2008-09**
LOCAL STANDARDS : NATIONAL PERSPECTIVES

Report of the Monitoring Officer.

RECOMMENDED

THAT the Standards Committee consider the Standards for England - Annual Review 2009-09 and discuss any implications for the authority.

2. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 2.1 The purpose of the report is to inform members of the Standards Board for England's Annual Review 2008-09.

3. **BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The Standards Board for England has published its Annual Review 2008-09. This is attached at Appendix 1.
- 3.2 It reviews the local standards framework and the Board's work as a strategic regulator. It provides the authority with a useful summary of the national "picture" and notable practice. It is important for members to have an awareness of this even though there have been no complaints against members of the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority.

4. **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 4.1 In preparing this report an initial Equality Impact Assessment is not required and has not been carried out.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Standards Board for England is the strategic regulator for the ethical framework and has published its Annual Review which includes information and notable practice that is relevant to this authority. It is important to consider this appropriately.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report although the implementation of any good practice actions may well have some costs associated with them.

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