

**WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

**Standards Committee**

**17<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

**1. ANNUAL REPORT 2009/10**

Report of the Monitoring Officer.

**RECOMMENDED**

THAT subject to any necessary amendments or additions to the draft report, the Chair of the Standards Committee be authorised to agree the final version of the Annual Report for submission to the Authority on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2010.

**2. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 2.1 The purpose of the report is to ask Members to consider and comment on a draft Annual Report for submission to the Authority at its Annual Meeting.

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 Every relevant local authority is required under Section 53 of the Local Government Act, 2000 to establish a Standards Committee. The Committee submits its minutes to the Authority on a regular basis, but it is considered to be good practice by the Standards Board for England [SBE] for Standards Committees also to produce an Annual Report for the benefit of the Authority, its staff and the wider public. The SBE Annual Return Questionnaire asks whether an annual report is produced.
- 3.2 A draft Annual Report will be circulated to Members only for consideration at this meeting.

**4. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

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

5. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Local authorities are required under Section 53 of the Local Government Act 2000 to establish a Standards Committee for the purpose of carrying out the functions conferred on it by the Act. There is currently no obligation to produce an Annual Report.

6. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Any resource implications from matters referred to in the Annual Report will have been considered at the time of the original report on the matter.

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**MONITORING OFFICER**