

Report of	Meeting	Date
Monitoring Officer	Standards Committee	05 March 2009

## STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

### PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To seek Members approval to the submission of the annual report to each of the Council's within the remit of the Standards Committee.

### RECOMMENDATION(S)

- That the draft report appended here to be adopted as the basis of the annual report subject to such amendments as Members may consider necessary and subject to such updates on matters of detail as can be made prior to its submission to Chorley Council.

### CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Put Chorley at the heart of regional economic development in the Central Lancashire sub-region		Develop local solutions to climate change.	
Improving equality of opportunity and life chances		Develop the Character and feel of Chorley as a good place to live	
Involving people in their communities		Ensure Chorley Borough Council is a performing organization	✓

### BACKGROUND

- At their last meeting Members agreed that it would be useful to prepare an annual report setting out the work undertaken by the Committee during the year. It was felt that such a report could usefully be submitted to each Council within the remit of the Committee as one means of maintaining its profile and also generally to promote the ethical framework.
- The report has been drafted on the assumption that it will be submitted to the final Borough Council meeting of the municipal year in April. One practical point arising from that is that report has had to be drafted in early February even though the municipal year does not end until May. Although the draft report can be revised following the meeting of the Standards Committee, it will need to be finalised before the last week in March.
- An alternative would be to submit the report to the first ordinary meeting of the Borough Council in July. However, that is not recommended as it could result in the annual report would be approved by a Standards Committee which may not necessarily have the same membership as the Committee whose work is being reported on.

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There are no background papers to this report.

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