

## **Ethical Governance Audit Reports**

Report of the Head of Civic, Legal and Democratic Services

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### Summary

- 1 This report introduces two reports, presented to the Standards Committee on 9 November 2007 and 25 January 2008 respectively, advising of progress on the Ethical Governance Audit carried out on the Council by the Audit Commission.

### Background

- 2 The Audit Commission has been commissioned by the Council to carry out an Ethical Governance Audit, which has been undertaken as a three stage process. Progress on the Audit was reported to the Standards Committee, as the proper reporting body, following publication of the Stage 1 and Stage 2 reports. Copies of these reports are included in Annexes 1 and 2 to this report.
3. The reports have been referred to the Audit and Governance Committee for information only, in view of the Committee's overall role to review and monitor the Council's Corporate Governance arrangements.

### Options & analysis

- 4 Not relevant for the purpose of this report.

### Consultation

- 5 See the relevant paragraphs of the reports at Annex 1 and Annex 2.

### Corporate priorities

- 6 See the relevant paragraphs of the reports at Annex 1 and Annex 2.

### Implications

- 7 There are no specific financial, legal, HR, property, crime & prevention, IT&T or other implications arising from this report.

## Risk Management

8 Not relevant for the purpose of this report.

## Recommendations

9 Members are asked to note the reports at Annexes 1 and 2 and the progress made on the Ethical Governance Audit.

*Reason: To ensure the maintenance of high standards of ethical conduct in the Council.*

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**Specialist Implications Officer(s)** Not applicable

**Wards Affected** Not applicable

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**Annexes**

Annex 1 – Report of the Interim Head of Civic, Legal and Democratic Services to Standards Committee on 9 November 2007

Annex 2 - Report of the Interim Head of Civic, Legal and Democratic Services to Standards Committee on 25 January 2008