



**AGENDA ITEM: 15**

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE:  
27 October 2009**

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**Report of: Council Secretary and Solicitor**

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**SUBJECT: DISCUSSION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ETHICAL GOVERNANCE  
AND THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2008/09**

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Wards affected: Borough wide

**1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To invite members of the Committee to discuss with the Chief Executive, the Leader and the Leader of the Opposition (a) the importance of Ethical Governance and (b) the Standards Committee Annual Report

**2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**3.0 CURRENT POSITION**

3.1 The Chief Executive, Leader of the Council and Leader of the Opposition are committed to high standards of ethical governance and are attending this meeting to discuss the same with the Standards Committee.

3.2 The Standards Committee Annual Report attached as an Appendix to this report provides details of the proactive work undertaken by the Committee during 2008/09.

**4.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS/COMMUNITY STRATEGY**

4.1 Although the report has no direct links to the Community Strategy, high standards of Ethical Governance are important to the operation of the Council.

**5.0 FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no specific financial or resource implications arising from this report.

## **6.0 RISK ASSESSMENT**

6.1 The Annual Report details the proactive work being undertaken by the Council, recognising the importance of ethical governance.

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### **Background Documents**

There are no background documents (as defined in Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) to this Report.

### **Equality Impact Assessment**

There is no evidence from an initial assessment of an adverse impact on equality in relation to the equality target groups.

### **Appendices**

Standards Committee Annual Report 2008/09