

Meeting of: STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Date: 19TH NOVEMBER 2004

Report of: CORPORATE DIRECTOR (CENTRAL SERVICES)

Reference: CDCS

Title: 3RD ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF STANDARDS COMMITTEES

PUBLIC/EXEMPT ITEM

This report is public.

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To provide feedback to the Committee from the 3rd Annual Assembly and to alert the Committee of the dates for the 4th Annual Assembly.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. That the report be noted.**

REPORT

1 The Chairman and Monitoring Officer recently attended the 3rd Annual Assembly of Standards Committees in Birmingham on 13 and 14 September. Over the two days a total of 750 delegates attended the conference and its workshops. The theme of the Assembly was "Cracking the Code". A verbal feedback of the event will be provided by the Chairman.

2 The Chairman of the Standards Board, Sir Anthony Holland, commented as follows on the success of the Assembly:

"We were delighted with the success of this year's conference and the enthusiasm and commitment of delegates in addressing some of the challenges of the Code of Conduct and exploring possible future developments.

"The feedback we subsequently received confirmed the willingness of the local government community to work with us and each other in continuing to tackle issues that lie at the heart of developing a strong ethical framework for them to work within, and which the public can have confidence in. We look forward to building on this relationship to ensure an equally successful and thought-provoking conference next year."

- 3 It has recently been announced that the 4th Annual Assembly will again take place at the International Conference Centre (ICC) in Birmingham on 17 and 18 October 2005. The Committee may wish to consider the matter of attendance now or defer to a later meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

There are no financial implications of this report.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no comments to add.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Legal Services have been consulted and have no comments to add.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Monitoring Officer has prepared the report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.