

**Meeting of:** STANDARDS COMMITTEE

**Date:** 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2005

**Report of:** CORPORATE DIRECTOR (CENTRAL SERVICES)

**Reference:** CDCS

**Title:** FOURTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF STANDARDS COMMITTEES

### **PUBLIC/EXEMPT ITEM**

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

### **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To seek the Committee's approval for Council representation at the Annual Assembly of Standards Committees.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

**That the Committee approves the attendance of the Chairman and the Monitoring Officer to the Fourth Annual Assembly held in Birmingham on 5 and 6 September 2005.**

### **REPORT**

- 1 The Fourth Annual Assembly of Standards Committees will be held at the ICC in Birmingham on 5/6 September 2005. Attached, as an **appendix** is a copy of the programme.
- 2 The delegate fee for the two-day Conference is £395 plus VAT. One night's hotel accommodation will be required at a cost of £100 per person. Standard class rail fair for the return journey is approximately £70.
- 3 In previous years the Chairman and Monitoring Officer have attended and a place has been provisionally booked for this year.
- 4 The Committee is asked to approve the attendance of the Chairman and Monitoring Officer at the Annual Assembly 2005.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The cost per delegate averages £565 and can be met from the Member and Officer conference and travelling provisions included in the budget.

### **SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS**

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

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Legal Services have been consulted and there are no legal implications.

**MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS**

The Monitoring Officer has prepared the report.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.