

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

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7TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF STANDARDS COMMITTEES 2008

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Purpose of the Report

- 1 To present a briefing paper on the matters considered at the 7th Annual Assembly of Standards Committees 2008.

Background

- 2 Councillor J McPartland and Mr Chris Nestor recently attended the 7th Annual Assembly of Standards Committees held in Birmingham on 13/14 October 2008. Attached at Appendix 1 for Members information are notes and observations from on the content of the event prepared by Mr Nestor.
- 3 The Standards Board for England's website contains the various power point presentations and handouts from the Assembly breakout and plenary sessions and which are available as downloads from their site as follows:
 - Getting up to speed
 - Delivering the goods
 - Supporting local standards
 - Alternative action masterclass
 - Balancing Act
 - Mind the gap
 - Delivering local assessment
 - Delivering local investigation
 - First response
 - The Code made clear
 - Communication with communities
 - Making an impact
 - In confidence
 - Keeping track of standards: Monitoring and support

- Delivering local assessment
- Delivering local determinations and setting sanctions
- Joining the dots: Understanding corporate governance
- Mediation in action
- Planning ahead
- The parish perspective
- Focus on fire, police and park authorities
- A higher level
- Closing plenary

Recommendation

4. Members are asked to note the report.

Background Papers

No unpublished background papers were used for this report.

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