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| <b>REPORT TO:</b>                  | <b>STANDARDS COMMITTEE</b>  | <b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>               |
| <b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>            | <b>28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2008</b>   | <b>CATEGORY:<br/>DELEGATED</b>    |
| <b>REPORT FROM:</b>                | <b>MONITORING OFFICER</b>   | <b>OPEN<br/>PARAGRAPH NO: N/A</b> |
| <b>MEMBERS'<br/>CONTACT POINT:</b> | <b>NEIL BETTERIDGE (595895)</b>   | <b>DOC:</b>                       |
| <b>SUBJECT:</b>                    | <b>SEVENTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF<br/>STANDARDS COMMITTEES –<br/>13<sup>TH</sup> &amp; 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2008</b> | <b>REF:</b>                       |
| <b>WARD(S)<br/>AFFECTED:</b>       | <b>ALL</b>  |                                   |

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### **1.0 Reason for Exempt**

1.1 Not applicable.

### **2.0 Recommendations**

2.1 That the report be noted.

### **3.0 Purpose of Report**

3.1 To receive details of the conference materials from the Seventh Annual Assembly of Standards Committees held at the ICC, Birmingham on 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> October 2008.

### **4.0 Detail**

4.1 The Seventh Annual Assembly of Standards Committees was attended by Peter Dawn (Vice-Chairman of the Standards Committee), Andrea McCaskie (Monitoring Officer) and Neil Betteridge (Democratic Services Manager).

4.2 A copy of the final programme is attached at Annexe 'A'. Details of the conference materials from the various sessions can be downloaded at [www.annualassembly.co.uk](http://www.annualassembly.co.uk)

4.3 A report prepared by Mr. Peter Dawn is attached at Annexe 'B'. A further verbal report will be made to Members at the Meeting.

### **5.0 Financial Implications**

5.1 The costs of attendance at the Annual Assembly are covered in the Council's budget.

### **6.0 Corporate/Community Implications**

6.1 None.

### **7.0 Background Papers**

7.1 Conference Programme.