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<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>STANDARDS COMMITTEE</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM: 10</b>
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	<b>28<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2008</b>	<b>CATEGORY: DELEGATED</b>
<b>REPORT FROM:</b>	<b>MONITORING OFFICER</b>	<b>OPEN PARAGRAPH NO: N/A</b>
<b>MEMBERS' CONTACT POINT:</b>	<b>NEIL BETTERIDGE (595895)</b>	<b>DOC:</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>SEVENTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF STANDARDS COMMITTEES – 13<sup>TH</sup> &amp; 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2008</b>	<b>REF:</b>
<b>WARD(S) 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 and a Member of the Committee be nominated to attend the conference on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> October 2008.

### **3.0 Purpose of Report**

3.1 To consider details of the Seventh Annual Assembly of Standards Committees to be held at the ICC, Birmingham on 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> October 2008.

### **4.0 Detail**

4.1 The previous Annual Assemblies of Standards Committees have been attended by the Chairman of the Committee together with the Monitoring Officer and the Democratic Services Manager.

4.2 The conference is seen as an opportunity to develop strong partnerships with all stakeholders through opening up channels of communication and sharing information and experience. Attendance at the conference and associated events is felt to be extremely important, giving the opportunity to network with other authorities and to assimilate and implement best practice.

4.3 A copy of the advance programme is attached at Annexe 'A' and various documents relating to the conference can be downloaded at [www.annualassembly.co.uk](http://www.annualassembly.co.uk)

### **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.