REPORT TO:	**STANDARDS COMMITTEE**	**AGENDA ITEM: 5**
DATE OF MEETING:	**14TH APRIL 2010**	**CATEGORY: DELEGATED**
REPORT FROM:	**MONITORING OFFICER**	**OPEN PARAGRAPH NO: N/A**
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SUBJECT:	**STANDARDS FOR ENGLAND ANNUAL RETURN 2010**	**REF:**
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	**ALL**	

1.0 Reason for Exempt

1.1 Not applicable.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The Committee's views on the suggested responses are requested.

3.0 Purpose of Report

3.1 To consider the suggested responses for the Committee's Annual Return to Standards for England.

4.0 Detail

4.1 A copy of the Annual Return, which is required to be returned to Standards for England by 16th April 2010, is attached at Annexe 'A'. The suggested response is indicated on each question. A copy of the accompanying guidance notes is attached at Annexe 'B'.

4.2 Standards for England is committed to sending copies of each authority's return and a summary of all of them at the aggregate level to the Audit Commission by Wednesday, 21 April 2010. This is so that they can utilise this information as part of their organisational "Use of Resources, Key Lines of Enquiry" (KLOE) assessments.

5.0 Financial Implications

5.1 None.

6.0 Corporate Implications

6.1 In 2008/09 the Council was assessed at level 3 by the Audit Commission as an organisation that was performing well in relation to the KLOE relating to Governing

the Business which includes the promotion and demonstration of the principles and values of good governance, the Council once again scored 3 and it was noted that the Council has good partnership arrangements in place for securing governance. The work of the Standards Committee is instrumental in ensuring that we continue to enhance the organisation's good governance arrangements.

7.0 Community Implications

7.1 The Council's Standards Committee plays a vital role in promoting and maintaining the highest standards of conduct by councillors of South Derbyshire District Council and all the parishes in its area.

8.0 Background Papers

8.1 None