

**Report Title: Ethical Governance Audit Report and Action Plan**

Forward Plan reference number (if applicable): N/A

Report of: **Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer.**Wards(s) affected: **All**Report for: **Non – Key Decision****1. Purpose**

1.1 To inform the Standards Committee of the outcome of the Ethical Governance Audit carried out by the Audit Commission. The final Audit Report and a Draft Action Plan is attached.

**2. Recommendations**

2.1 To note the final report from the Audit Commission and draft action plan which will be reported to and agreed by the Executive on 12 September 2006.

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**3. Executive Summary**

3.1 The Audit Commission carried out an Ethical Governance Audit in February 2006. The draft report was received in the pre-election Purdah period and so it was not possible to report it and agree the action plan at that time, although the report and its recommendations were referred to in the member training on Ethical Governance.

3.2 The report concluded that there have been significant improvements in the Council's arrangements for promoting Ethical Governance over the last 2 years. The

recommendations are a continuation of work already underway and are not contentious. Some areas for attention are highlighted in the report which members will be interested to read and discuss.

#### **4. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

4.1 Audit Commission Ethical Governance Audit Report for Haringey Council.