

TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

Item 4

MEETING: GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – 27TH SEPTEMBER 2010

SUBJECT: ABOLITION OF STANDARDS FOR ENGLAND

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY CLERK

The purpose of this short report is to inform Members that the Government's "Programme of Government" of 20 May 2010 contained a commitment to "abolish the Standards Board regime". Primary legislation is required to do this and it is anticipated that provisions will be included in the Decentralisation and Localism Bill which is due to be presented in late 2010, with Royal Assent expected between July and October 2011.

This is likely to result in the closure of the organisation between January and March 2012.

In the meantime, the local standards framework still exists. Standards for England plans to continue to fulfil its statutory duties and Standards Committees and Monitoring Officers have an obligation to keep the system operating.

Recommendation

That the Committee notes the contents of this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

