

**'IMPROVING STANDARDS' EVENT – 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2009 – NORTH TYNESIDE COUNCIL**

**Report of the Chief Solicitor**

**1.0 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To advise Members of the Improving Standards event held on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2009.

**2.0 Background**

- 2.1 An invitation from the Chair of North Tyneside Council's Standards Committee welcoming as many Chairs, Deputy Chairs, Standards Committee Members and Monitoring Officers from neighbouring Authorities to attend the above event was received and circulated to all Members of the Council's Standards Committee.
- 2.2 The purpose of the event was for David Laverick, President of the Adjudication Panel for England, to give a talk on the role of the Adjudication Panel and its view of Standards Committees and for Dr. Michael Macaulay, Head of Centre for Public Services Management, Reader in Governance and Public Ethics, Teesside Business School, to talk about the effectiveness of Standards Committees and recurrent research. The event also aimed to provide the opportunity for networking and sharing experiences in dealing with emerging governance issues.
- 2.3 Mr. Colin Stewart, Independent Member, was able to attend the event to represent Sunderland City Council. A copy of his report and the event programme is attached.

**3.0 Recommendation**

- 3.1 The Committee is asked to note the report.

**4.0 Background Papers**

- 4.1 Report from Mr. Colin Stewart, Independent Member of the Standards Committee.