THIRD ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF STANDARDS COMMITTEES

1 SUMMARY

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Members of the programme for the Third Annual Assembly of Standards Committees and agree the delegates to attend.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The "Second Annual Assembly of Standards Committees" held in June 2003 was attended by Councillor John Pullen, Mr Bernard Flynn and the Deputy Monitoring Officer, Albert Bugeja. The event provided "an opportunity for Members and officers to come together to discuss the practical implementation of the Code of Conduct, the implications of regulations covering local investigation and determination and building confidence in local democracy".
- 2.2 The Council's representatives reported that conference was interesting and worthwhile and it was agreed that Rochford should be represented at the 2004 event.

3 DETAILS OF THE THIRD ASSEMBLY

- 3.1 The Third Assembly will take place on 13th and 14th September 2004 at the International Conference Centre, Birmingham. A copy of the programme is attached at appendix 1. The Conference costs £380 per delegate inclusive of conference notes, Monday lunch and dinner and Tuesday lunch but not overnight accommodation. This is an increase of £70 on last year.
- 3.2 More information is available from the Standards Board for England web site at www.standardsboard.co.uk/events/index.php#assembly3.

4 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The cost of sending three delegates to the Third Annually Assembly is estimated to be £1800, with overnight accommodation for two nights in Birmingham.

5 RECOMMENDATION

5.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

to determine the delegates to attend the Third Annual Assembly of Standards Committees.

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Background Papers:

None

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