

# Agenda Item

**Executive Board**

**26 March 2008**

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## Exemption to standing orders – legal consultant

### Summary

Standing orders require any exemption granted by officers to be reported to committee. This exemption enables the use of a consultant who has previously carried out good work for the Monitoring Officer to continue with it. The full circumstances are set out in the exemption form attached.

### Recommendation

**The exemption to standing orders set out in the report be noted.**

#### a) Reasons for Recommendation

All exemptions, and the reasons for them, are required to be reported to the next available Executive Board.

#### b) Alternative Options

To reverse the officer decision

#### c) Risk Considerations

Set out in the attached exemption report

#### d) Policy and Budgetary Considerations

There was no specific budgetary provision for investigation work this year as this was the first year we were responsible for investigations referred by the Standards Board. There is provision for 2008/09 based on this year's costs.

#### e) Date for Review of Decision

In the event the Council's insurances cease to cover this statutory function

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Please see attached exemption form

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### Legal Implications

Due to the particular nature of this appointment, this would appear to be an occasion when Standing Orders should be exempted.

### Financial Implications

No financial implications.

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