

REPORT TO: Standards Committee
DATE: 26th May 2010
REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director - Resources
SUBJECT: Standards for England Round Up
WARDS N/A

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To bring Members of the committee up to date with the latest news from Standards for England.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That the Report be noted.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Since the last meeting of this Committee, Standards for England has released bulletin 47 which is attached as Appendix 1.

3.2 The functions of the Adjudication Panel for England have now been transferred to the First Tier Tribunal (Standards in England) and the Adjudication Panel for England has been abolished. The role of the First Tier Tribunal is to hear cases referred to it by Ethical Standards Officers or a Standards Committee following an investigation. The Tribunal will also hear Appeals by subject members against decisions of a Standards Committee. The Bulletin sets out the changes to the powers and procedures of the Tribunal.

3.3 Members' attention is drawn to the online guides presently available on Standards for England's web-site. Members will recall that a brief Report on several of these guides was brought to the last meeting.

3.4 There is an interesting short article in the Bulletin about social networking. This refers to both the benefits and downside of online communication.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

None

6.2 Employment Learning and Skills in Halton

None

6.3 A Healthy Halton Borough Council

None

6.4 A Safer Halton

None

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 No Key issues have been identified which require control measures

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 The Report of itself does not contain specific Equality and Diversity issues

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

9.2 None