Agenda item:



# **Standards Committee**

# 6 April 2009

# Standards Board for England – The Bulletin – February 2009

### **Summary of Report**

This report advises the Committee of relevant issues that are being addressed by the Standards Board in their regular publication entitled "The Bulletin" and in particular those items contained in the February edition on:

- page 1-2 The Standards Committee (Further Provisions) Regulations 2009
- Page 3 4 Getting indemnification arrangements right
- page 4 Bias and the Code of Conduct

On putting this item on the agenda, members of the Committee have the opportunity to debate any issues arising from the Bulletin's content. A copy of The Bulletin is attached as Appendix 1.

### Recommendations

- (1) That the content of the report and the Bulletin be noted;
- (2) That copies of The Bulletin be circulated to all members and co-optees and placed in each of the political group rooms.

### **Resource Considerations:**

#### Financial:

None arising from this report

#### Legal:

None arising from this report

**Staffing:** None arising from this report

**Citizen Impact:** None arising from this report

**Community Safety:** None arising from this report

**Environmental:** None arising from this report

Performance and Risk Management:

Risk:

None arising from this report

**Performance Management:** None arising from this report

**Equality Implications:** This report complies fully with the Council's policies on equality and diversity

**Consultation:** None arising from this report

Background papers All published

Signed:

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