

REPORT TO: Standards Committee

DATE: 10 February 2016

REPORTING OFFICER: Operational Director Legal and Democratic Services/Monitoring Office

SUBJECT: Standards Committee Update

PORTFOLIO: Leader

WARDS: Boroughwide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To inform Members of recent Standards issues which have arisen.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the report be noted.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Members' attention is drawn to a number of press articles attached to this report concerning Standards issues in other parts of the UK.

3.2 The intention is to give Members a flavour of matters dealt with by other authorities, how the local codes have been interpreted, and the way sanctions have been imposed. It is hoped that this will prompt discussion at the meeting.

3.3 The Monitoring Officer will give a verbal update at the meeting on any local issues and on the anticipated revision of the Members Code of Conduct.

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

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 would require control measures

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 The Report of itself does not contain any specific equality and diversity issues

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

9.1 None under the meaning of the Act.