

**REPORT TO:** Standards Committee

**DATE:** 7<sup>th</sup> January 2009

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director - Corporate & Policy

**SUBJECT:** Standards Board Information Roundup

**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 the Standards Board.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 That the report be noted.

**3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 A copy of Bulletin 41, released since the last meeting of the Committee, is attached at Appendix 1. In particular, Members' attention is brought to the feedback on adjourning local assessment decisions. The feedback from the responses received indicated that the concerns stated in the article in Bulletin 40 far outweighed the advantages. The Standards Board will be issuing further guidance in 2009 incorporating the issue of adjournment.

**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 require control measures.

**8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 None.

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

None under the meaning of the Act.