

**REPORT TO:** Standards Committee

**DATE:** 10 November 2010

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director, Resources

**SUBJECT:** Dual-Hatted Members and the Code of Conduct

**WARDS:** N/A

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To advise members of the on-line publication of guidance for Dual-Hatted Members.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 That the report be noted.

## **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 Standards for England has recently published an on-line guide for Dual-Hatted Members, who are Members who serve on two or more relevant authorities, for instance a Member who is both a District and Parish Council Member.

3.2 The guide particularly focuses on when such Members must declare interests, and also deals with the question of pre-determination.

3.3 Of particular interest are scenarios set out within the on-line version of the guidance, and members are able to complete these on their own or as a group.

## **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 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**

9.1 None.