

**REPORT TO:** Standards Committee

**DATE:** 4 September 2013

**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 Standards issues which have arisen in other parts of the country

**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.

### **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.