



Ryedale District Council

REPORT TO: Standards Committee

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SUBJECT: Standards Board for England Bulletin 36

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform Members of the Committee of the latest Standards Board Bulletin 36 published on 10 December 2007.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

Members of the Committee are asked to note the report and the attached Bulletin.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Bulletin is a summary of news and guidance for officers and Members, providing the latest news, features and guidance on the Code of Conduct and the work of The Standards Board for England. It is published every two months on the Standards Board for England website. The full Bulletin is attached at Annex 1.

4.0 MAIN ISSUES

Highlights from the Bulletin (attached at Annex 1) include:

- The results of our local assessment pilot, which collected data from a broad range of authorities across England.
- A checklist for local authorities in the run up to April 2008.
- Details of a new role for standards committees as the role of independent adjudicator is abolished.
- Key findings from the latest Audit Commission self-assessment survey.

5.0 COUNCIL POLICY

Consideration of the Bulletin contributes positively to the Council's Corporate Governance arrangements by ensuring that Members are kept up to date with standards issues and guidance on the code of conduct.

Background Papers:

Standards Board Bulletin 36 published on 10 December 2007.

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