**REPORT TO:** Standards Committee

**DATE:** 19 June 2008

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Council Solicitor & Monitoring Officer

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SUBJECT: Standards Board for England Bulletin 38

#### 1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To inform Members of the Committee of the latest Standards Board Bulletin 38 published on 25 April 2008.

#### 2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

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

### 3.0 REASONS SUPPORTING DECISION

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

- 4.1 Highlights from the Bulletin (attached at Annex 1) include:
  - A summary of the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008
  - Advice on dealt with complaints from the public
  - An update on the new local reporting system
  - Details of our press toolkit

## 5.0 COUNCIL POLICY

5.1 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 37 published on 22 February 2008

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