



Ryedale District Council

REPORT TO: Standards Committee

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SUBJECT: **Standards Board for England Bulletin 40**

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To inform Members of the Committee of the latest Standards Board Bulletin 40 published on 29 August 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:

- Guidance on the local standards framework
- An analysis of the first quarter of monitoring returns
- Information on our new Board Members
- Seeking views on adjourning local assessment decisions

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 40 published on 29 August 2008

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