

Meeting: STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Date: 20 JANUARY 2004

REGISTER OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

(Chief Executive's)

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1 PURPOSE

To report on a review of the Register of Members Interests, Declarations of Gifts and Hospitality and signing of the Code of Conduct.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

That the officers undertake the actions proposed in 4.2.1 and 4.2.2 below.

3 BACKGROUND

3.1 All elected Members and Co-opted Members who are entitled to vote are required to:-

3.1.1 sign the Code of Conduct on being elected, re-elected or appointed as a Member (There is no legal requirement for Members to renew their register entries other than at these times);

3.1.2. complete the Register of Interests as set out in the Code of Conduct and notify the Monitoring Officer in writing of any changes within 28 days;

3.1.3 provide written notification of gifts and hospitality received which exceed a value of £25.

3.2 The functions of this Committee include monitoring the operation of the members Code of Conduct and reviewing the register of Members' interests at such times and in such a manner as the Committee feels appropriate.

4 DETAILS

4.1 In December 2003 the two independent Members of this Committee, Mr David Morgan and Mr Stuart Gillies, inspected the register and declarations listed above and concluded that these were generally satisfactory.

4.2 Some detailed points emerged from their review and the following actions are proposed to address these:-

4.2.1 That the book of declarations of gifts and hospitality should be physically kept with the general register of Members' interests and signed codes of conduct.

- 4.2.2. That in future Members should be encouraged to indicate clearly negative declarations and not to leave a blank box.

5 IMPLICATIONS

None specific

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- Review of Register of Members' Interest, Code of Conduct, Affirmations and Registration of Gifts & Hospitality, December 29 2003
- The Register of Members' Interests
- Register of Disclosures by Members
- Codes of Conduct