

**Meeting: STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**Date: 13<sup>th</sup> March 2007**

**REGISTER OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

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**1 PURPOSE**

To consider placing the register of Members' interests on the Council's internet site.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Committee determines whether or not the Register of Members' Interests is placed on the Council's internet site except in the case of the entries for any individual Member who objects.

**3 BACKGROUND AND DETAILS**

All Members are required to complete a statutory register of their interests and to notify the Monitoring Officer of any changes.

The register is open to public inspection and some local authorities, including Hertfordshire County Council, place the Register on their internet sites with full public access.

There has been a request that Stevenage follows this practice and places the Register for all Members on its internet site.

If approved the register entries will continue to be made on hard copies.

As the law currently stands, the Register of Gifts and Hospitality for Members is not required to be open to public inspection and therefore will not be placed on the internet.

**4. IMPLICATIONS**

None.