

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE
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Agenda Item No.

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Update on Local Developments

Report of the County Secretary

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1. Purpose of the Report

To update the Committee on local developments in relation to ethical standards issues and to enable them to monitor the implementation of the Code of Conduct as agreed at their last meeting.

2. Training

Two training sessions have now been run for members and co-opted members. Following this, nine County Councillors and nine non-County Councillor member of the Children, Schools and Families Scrutiny Committee remain to be trained. A further session will be arranged.

3. Declaration of Interest

Several members have updated their declaration of interests forms as a consequence of attendance at the training seminars.

At Council and Committee meetings since the last meeting of this Committee there have been five declarations of interest. (Four personal where the member(s) stayed in the meeting, and one prejudicial where the member withdrew.)

Advice has been given to individual members as and when requested. No particular issues of significance have emerged.

4. Investigations by the Standards Board

The Standards Board have notified the County Secretary of investigations into complaints against two members of the Council. In one case the investigation was discontinued. In the other the investigation is still underway.