

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

1 October 2007

New Register of Members' Interests

0.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update Members on the progress made in securing registrations of interests under the new Code and publishing them on the County Council's website.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 Members had 28 days from the date on which the Council adopted its new Code of Conduct (16 May 2007) to register their personal interests, as required by the Code, by providing written notification to the Head of Legal Services, as Monitoring Officer.

2.2 The new model Code did not contain any transitional provisions carrying forward existing registrations of Members' interests. Consequently, every Member and voting co-opted Member needed to submit a new registration of interests form within the above time limit, by 13 June 2007.

3.0 PRESENT POSITION

3.1 With the exception of three elected Members, all Members and voting co-opted Members returned new registrations of interests forms within the required timescale.

3.2 The three forms mentioned above are still outstanding. Several reminder letters have been sent to the Members concerned and, at the time of writing this report, I have left voicemail messages for them to contact me urgently. It has been impressed upon them that the matter is becoming serious.

3.3 Work has also been carried out to produce versions of the new registrations of interests forms for publication on the Council's website. It is hoped that these will be published on the web by the time of the Committee's meeting.

3.4 An oral update will be given at the meeting.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Members are requested to note the contents of this report.

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None

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