

STANDARDS COMMITTEE 26 November 2013

ITEM 8

Report of the Monitoring Officer

Declaring Interests – Questions to Ask Yourself

SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Standards Committee is keen to retain high standards of ethical governance and therefore offer as much guidance and support as it can to all Members on interests.
- 1.2 Attached at Appendix 2 is a draft Declaring Interests Questions to Ask Yourself form.
- 1.3 It is proposed that the form be issued with the agenda for every meeting. The form would be inserted directly after the agenda front sheet.
- 1.3 The intention is to assist Members in deciding whether or not they have a declarable interest in an item on an agenda and to encourage thoughts on this matter before the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

2.1 To approve the use of the Declaring Interests – Questions to Ask Yourself form as outlined in paragraph in paragraph 1.3.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To assist Members in deciding whether or not they have a declarable interest in relation to an item on an agenda.
- 3.2 To encourage Members to think about whether or not they have a declarable interest in an item on an agenda, before the meeting.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

4.1 As set out in Appendix 2.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 None.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer	Janie Berry – Director of Legal and Democratic Services
Financial officer	N/A
Human Resources officer	N/A
Estates/Property officer	N/A
Service Director(s)	N/A
Other(s)	N/A

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List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 – Draft Declaring Interests – Questions to Ask Yourself form

IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

1.1 None arising directly from this report.

Legal

2.1 None arising directly from this report.

Personnel

3.1 None arising directly from this report.

Equalities Impact

4.1 All Derby people benefit from an affective Standards Committee.

Health and Safety

5.1 None arising directly from this report.

Environmental Sustainability

6.1 None arising directly from this report.

Property and Asset Management

7.1 None arising directly from this report.

Risk Management

8.1 None arising directly from this report.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

9.1 This report has the potential to link with all the Council's Corporate Objectives.