

Meeting **REGIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Date **TUESDAY 22 JUNE 2010 – 2.00 p.m.**

Report of **CHIEF EXECUTIVE LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY**

Subject **DECLARING INTERESTS**

Purpose of Report

1. This report reviews instances when interests have been declared in the Authority's public meetings. This is reported in order to provide learning and allow the Committee to determine the extent of activity in this area.

Commentary

2. At its meeting on 4 February 2008 the Standards Committee decided to receive an annual report of the reasons why members declare interests at meetings. This enhances the transparency of members' actions.
3. A table listing the interests declared in public meetings from January 2009 to 31 March 2010, together with the relevant reason, are found as an Appendix to this report.
4. The Chief Executive will also discuss with the Committee instances when interest issues have been raised outside of public meetings. Set against the multitude of agenda items on the many Authority and Committee meetings that occur each year, this suggests that the occasions when a member needs to declare an interest is relatively small.

Recommendation

5. The Committee is invited to discuss the contents of this report.

Implications

Financial: none. Legal: within the report. Diversity: none. Risk Management: none.

Background Papers

None.

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APPENDIX 1**REASONS MEMBERS HAVE DISCUSSED DECLARING AN INTEREST FOR
POLICE AUTHORITY BUSINESS IN JANUARY 2009 TO MARCH 2010**

Member	Meeting	Prejudicial or non-prejudicial	Reason explicit in the minutes?	Did they declare?	Reasons/ comments
All members	Briefing meeting to PA 27jan09 meeting	-	No	No	Advised that members' interests were not declared when considering the Allowances scheme – it is an exception to the rule.
Mr Dholakia	PA meeting 27jan09	Non-prejudicial	Yes	Yes	Consultant to Airport and on national CAA Board
Mrs Sherwin and Mr Bill	Briefing meeting to PA 27jan09 meeting	-	No	No	Advised that county council's support for ESPO was not a reason to declare interest in a report on an audit tender process in which ESPO had given the region's police authorities some assistance. Too remote.
Mr Hyde and Mr Westley	Audit Committee 10feb09	Non-prejudicial	Yes – minute 03/09	Yes	Outstanding debts report – a line of which related to council invoices
Mr Rhodes, Dr Hill, Mr Bill, Mr Roper	FGPC 08sep09	Non-prejudicial	Yes – minute 24/09	Yes	Through mention of the audit of the pension fund, which is Leicestershire County Council owned scheme