

LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY



Meeting **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Date **TUESDAY 3 MARCH 2009 AT 2.00 PM**

Report of **CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

Subject **DECLARING INTERESTS**

Purpose of Report

1. This report reviews instances when interests have been declared in the Authority's public meetings. This is provided in order to provide learning and allow the Committee to determine the extent of activity in their 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 in 2008 and the relevant reason are found at the Appendix to this report.
4. The Chief Executive will also discuss with the Committee instances when interests issues have been raised outside public meetings.

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

Reasons members have discussed declaring an interest at Police Authority and Committee meetings in 2008

Member	Meeting	Prejudicial or non-prejudicial	Reason explicit in the minutes?	Did they declare?	Reasons/ comments
Mr Thomas	Human Resources Committee 14feb08	Non-prejudicial	Yes - son applying to join service.	yes	Declared interest on paper A - HR business plan.
Mr Fraser and Mr Bill	Audit Committee 21feb08	Enquiry	Paper L made reference to the County's pension scheme	no	Monitoring Officer advised that no interest arose simply by the mention of the County Council in the report
Mr Westley and Dr Chowdhury	Audit Committee 21feb08	Non-prejudicial	Yes. Minute 23/08	yes	City Council mentioned in financial relationship to police authority in report
Mrs Bodell-Stagg	Police Authority 23apr08	Prejudicial	Yes. Minute 34/08	yes	Recruitment to Independent Member role for which MBS due to apply
Mrs Bodell-Stagg	Police Authority 22july08	Prejudicial	Yes. Minute 66/08	yes	recruitment to Independent Member role
Mr Westley	Audit Committee 28aug08	Non-prejudicial	Yes. Minute 50/08	Yes	City Council mentioned in financial relationship to PA in report
Mr Fraser	Professional Standards Committee 25sep08	Enquiry		No	Member asked if needed to declare interest as had put in complaint which had been dealt with through local resolution. Monitoring Officer advised that the report concerned the aggregate of complaints in total and provided the discussion did not descend to the level of discussing his particular complaint he could participate in the debate.