

Committee :	STANDARDS COMMITTEE
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Title	Register of Members' Interests
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Action:	For Information

Background

1. The Council is now required to publish the Register of Members' Interests electronically. An update on the process is presented in this report.
2. Elected members and co-opted members with voting rights must inform the Monitoring Officer of their interests under the Code of Conduct. The Monitoring Officer must keep a register of these interests.
3. The register therefore contains the 'upfront' registration made by members when they become members (they must also keep this current). It also contains the declarations of interest made by members at meetings.
4. The register is kept in paper format and has always been available to anyone who wishes to come in to inspect it. The Council is now required to publish the Register of Members' Interests electronically, and so it will also be available on the Council's website. The intention is to do this through the 'Modern Gov' system used by the Council. It will mean that each member's declarations will be available through accessin their personal pages on the website. The declarations made in meetings will be found in the minutes of that meeting and these too can be viewed via a personal page of the member.
5. We have already informed the Council members of this development and asked them to confirm if their 'upfront' registration forms 'advance' are up to date and accurate. In the meantime, work is underway on the Modern Gov system to allow these details to be inputed.

Recommendation

6. The Committee notes the information.