

**Title of Report : STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND -
INVESTIGATIONS**

Report of : Monitoring Officer

To : Standards Committee

Date : Friday 9th March 2007

Item No :

Purpose of report : To advise the Committee on an investigation being conducted by the Standards Board for England into alleged breaches of the Members' Code of Conduct by City Councillors

Recommendation(s) : The Committee is RECOMMENDED to note the contents of the report

Key decision : No

Portfolio Holder : Not applicable

Scrutiny Responsibility : Not applicable

Ward(s) affected : All

Report Approved by : Jeremy Thomas (Legal)

Policy Framework : Not applicable

1. This Committee is responsible for considering matters to do with the Members Code of Conduct. In cases of alleged breaches of the Code, either the Standards Board for England may investigate and reach a decision; or the Standards Board for England may investigate and refer the matter to the local authority for determination; or the Standards Board for England may ask the local authority to investigate and reach a decision.

2. The Standards Board for England is currently investigating an alleged breach of the Code of Conduct by two members of Council. If by the time of the Standards Committee's meeting we hear further from the Standards Board for England we will report orally. If the Board decides to refer the outcome of the investigation to the Council for determination then the Council's procedure for local determination of alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct will need to be invoked.

3. The Committee is being recommended to note the contents of this report.

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Background Papers : None