

## BOROUGH OF KETTERING

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<b>Wards Affected</b>		25th March 2013	
<b>Title</b>	REGISTER OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS – BOROUGH, TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS		

### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- (i) To inform Members of the Committee of the current position with regard to the return of Members' interest forms under the new Standards regime and;
- (ii) Notification of the adoption of the Code of Conduct by the Town and Parish Councils.

### **2. INFORMATION**

- 2.1 The Council, at its meeting on 4th July 2012, on the recommendation of the previous Standards Committee, adopted a new Code of Conduct to comply with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011. Following the adoption of the Code all Borough Councillors were requested to complete a new Register of Interests to include the disclosure of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs) as required by the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012. A copy of the Register and the guidance notes for completion are set out at Appendix 1.
- 2.2 Under the Localism Act, Town and Parish Councils were also required to adopt a Code of Conduct. The Monitoring Officer wrote to all the Clerks in the Borough informing them of their options under the new regime. The Towns and Parishes were encouraged to adopt the KBC Code. However, it was accepted that they were entitled to adopt their own Code, including that suggested by NALC. The Towns and Parishes accepted that a single Code was in Councillors' and the public interest to give certainty to Councillors and members of the public as to what standards of conduct can be expected.
- 2.3 All Town and Parish Councils have adopted the KBC Code of Conduct.
- 2.4 The 36 Borough Councillors have all returned their Registers and they are now available to view on the Council's website.
- 2.5 There are 24 Town and Parish Councils within the Borough. Attached at Appendix 2 is table setting out the current position with regard to the return of

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the forms from the Town and Parish Councils including the number of seats, forms outstanding and vacancies.

**3. CONSULTATION AND CUSTOMER IMPAC**

N/A

**4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

**5. FINANCIAL RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

None as a result of this report

**6. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

None as a result of this report

**7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Monitoring Officer has a statutory duty to establish and maintain a register of members' interests on behalf of the authority and the Town and Parish Councils within the Borough.

**8. RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee notes the current position with regard to the Register of Members' interest forms

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