

**REGISTRATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS  
(Report by the Head of Legal and Estates and Monitoring Officer)**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The Committee will be aware that in accordance with the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007, newly elected Councillors are required to register their financial and other interests with the District Council's Monitoring Officer within 28 days of their election or appointment to office. Under Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2000, the Monitoring Officer must establish and maintain a register of interests of the Members and co-opted Members of the Authority. This is available for public inspection at Pathfinder House. Copies of registration forms signed by the Monitoring Officer are returned to the Parish Councils to be held locally.
- 1.2 During the course of a recent Referrals (Assessment) Sub-Committee, some comment was made regarding the routine maintenance and checking of the register.
- 1.3 Enclosed, for the Committee's information is the up-to-date position in terms of the return of registration forms from the 73 town and parish councils in Huntingdonshire.

**2. CURRENT POSITION**

2. Of the 672 Councillors elected or/appointed to office, registration forms have been received from 632 and 26 are outstanding. There are currently 14 vacancies.
- 2.2 There is no particular pattern to those registration forms which are outstanding ie. they are not linked to the same town and parish council. The Monitoring Officer continues to pursue the outstanding forms via contact with the appropriate clerk.
- 2.3 In January each year, the Monitoring Officer writes to all town and parish clerks to request their assistance in reminding their Members to review their registerable interests and to update their entries should they consider it necessary to do so. Appropriate links and copies of forms are enclosed with this correspondence.

**3. CONCLUSION**

- 3.1 The Committee is requested to note the contents of the report.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Register of Financial and Other Interests.

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