

REPORT TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE FOR INFORMATION



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To report the outcome of Standards Board for England investigations

PURPOSE

1. To inform the Committee of the outcome of Standards Board for England investigations SBE 12963.05 and SBE 15205.06

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

2. The Standards Board for England (the Board) has carried out two investigations into allegations that Councillor Brian Turner breached the Code of Conduct for Members (the Code) in that it was alleged that he had brought the Council into disrepute by reason of a series of criminal convictions. Copies of the case summaries are appended.
3. The Board decided that in respect of all allegations, these were matters which did not fall within the scope of the Code – essentially because they related to events in the Member's private life. The Board's reasoning follows a recent High Court interpretation of Section 52 of the Local Government Act (in Livingstone v Adjudication Panel for England) on which this area of the Code finds its legal authority to operate. Committee is referred to the Monitoring Officer's report on the detail of the Livingstone case elsewhere in the agenda.
4. Both allegations against Councillor Turner are now regarded as determined and no further action will be taken.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. None.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6. None.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

7. Chief Executive
Director of Resources

BACKGROUND PAPERS

8. [Decisions of the Board](#)

FURTHER INFORMATION

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