

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

8 FEBRUARY 2007

CANDIDATE'S GUIDE RELATING TO MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

Report from: Neil Davies, Chief Executive

Author: Jane Ringham, Head of Members Services and Elections

1 Summary

1.1 This report is in response to Members request at the last meeting that an officer from the elections team attend the next Standards Committee meeting to update members on the information contained within the candidate's guide relating to the Members' Code of Conduct.

2 Decision issues

2.1 Members are asked to note the contents of the report.

3 Background

3.1 This report was in response to a request by Members.

4 Candidate Packs Relating to Members' Code of Conduct

4.1 The Candidate's Guide produced by the Returning Officer is intended to complement the much fuller guidance available from the Electoral Commission. It is mainly aimed at candidates who may be their own election agent rather than candidates from the main political parties, although will be made available to all candidates.

4.2 The various forms that candidates and election agents have to complete as part of the nomination process are currently being updated on our elections management system to reflect some legislative changes. The Electoral Commission's versions will be made available to Members at the meeting. The information to be provided is largely prescribed by law although the forms themselves are not.

5 Financial implications

5.1 None

6 Legal implications

6.1 None

7 Recommendations

7.1 That Members note the information contained within the report

8 Background papers

8.1 None

Lead officer contact

Name Jane Ringham
Job Title Head of Members Services and Elections
Telephone: 01634 332864 Email: jane.ringham@medway.gov.uk