

By: Head of Democratic Services

To: Standards Committee – 22 January 2008

Subject: **NEW ALLEGATIONS TO STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND AGAINST KCC MEMBERS**

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: Provides details of allegations against KCC Members made to the Standards Board for England since the last meeting of the Committee

FOR INFORMATION

1. It is our normal practice to report all Standards Board for England (SBE) findings on allegations of misconduct against KCC Members to the Committee so that it can identify and publicise within KCC the lessons that can be learned from those findings.
2. One alleged breach of the Code of Conduct by a KCC Member has been made to the SBE since the last meeting. The SBE's Decision Notice is attached (in anonymised form) at Appendix 1. Members will note that the SBE decided that the allegation should not be referred to an Ethical Standards Officer for investigation on the grounds that no potential breach of the Code of Conduct was disclosed.
3. The complainant subsequently sought a review of the SBE's decision. The SBE advised us on 24 August that the case had been reviewed in accordance with their procedures and that, after careful consideration, it had been concluded that the case had been handled correctly and the final decision was reasonable.
4. Members are asked to note the contents of the SBE Decision Notice and consider whether any lessons can be learned from this case which should be publicised within KCC.

Background documents: *None*

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