# STANDARDS COMMITTEE - 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2007

#### **COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATED AND DETERMINED**

Report of the: Monitoring Officer

Status: For Information purposes

This report supports the Key Aim of effective management of Council resources

Portfolio Holder Cllr. Loney

**Head of Service** Head of Legal and Committee Services – Mrs. Christine Nuttall

**Recommendation:** Members are requested to note this report.

## **Background**

On the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2006 the Standards Board for England (the Board) received two separate allegations that two Members of Hartley Parish Council had failed to disclose a personal interest and failed to withdraw from a meeting in which they had a prejudicial interest.

The allegations were accepted for investigation on review under SBE17779.07 and SBE17780.07. The Board made a decision to investigate these two cases and not refer them for local investigation. The investigations were completed on the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2007.

#### **Outcomes**

The case summary for SBE 17779.07 and SBE 17780.07 are set out within the attached Appendix.

### **Key Implications**

#### **Financial Implications**

4 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

#### Legal and Human Rights Implications

5 No legal or human rights implications are identified.

#### Equality

6 No equality issues are identified by this report.

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#### **Conclusions**

7 The reports set out in the appendix are published on the Board's website: www.standardsboard.co.uk

### **Risk Assessment Statement**

It is important that Members comply with the Code of Conduct as the public's trust and confidence in the Ethical Agenda can be diminished if breaches take place. In these instances no breaches of the Code were identified and the Members' behaviour posed no risk.

Sources of Information: Correspondence and case summaries received

from the Board.

**Investigation Reports** 

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