



AGENDA ITEM: 7

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

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**LICENSING ACT 2003 – AMENDED DEFINITION OF INTERESTED PARTIES
TO INCLUDE ELECTED MEMBERS**

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To present details of a change to the Licensing Act 2003 and its effect on requirements for Member declarations of interest.

BACKGROUND

2. The Head of Community Protection recently presented a report to the Licensing Committee drawing attention to a change to the Licensing Act 2003 to extend the definition of 'interested parties' to include elected councillors. The change has implications for councillors when they make representations on licensing matters to a Licensing Committee either in a personal capacity or when they are representing constituents' views. A copy of the report is attached as an appendix to this report.

RECOMMENDATION

3. Members are asked to note the report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No additional background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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