

# Standards Committee

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# REPORT

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## COMPLAINTS TO STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND

### 1. Purpose of Report :

To report to the Committee the outcome of complaint to the Standards Board for England.

### 2. Background :

2.1 Alleging that Councillors John Collier, Donald Culver, Brian Dalton and Muriel Tomlinson were in breach of Salisbury District Council's Code of Conduct because they had failed to inform the complainant and the public when meetings of the Harnham Community Council were to be held, and to provide copies of Agendas and Minutes of the meetings and they had ignored the complainant's role as one of Salisbury District Council's Tenants' Representatives thereby preventing him from informing the public and tenants of housing issues in Harnham.

2.2 The Monitoring Officer has received notification from the Standards Board that it considered the complaints and decided not to refer any of them to an Ethical Standards Officer for investigation. This is because the Board considered there was no indication that the alleged conduct by the Councillors involved any failure to comply with the Council's Code of Conduct and that the alleged conduct in ignoring the complainant's position as a tenants' representative is not of such significance to warrant a publicly funded investigation by an Ethical Standard's Officer and any consequent action.

### 3. Recommendations

The recommendation is that the Committee note this report.

### 4. Background Papers:

Letter dated 19<sup>th</sup> July 2004 from the Standards Board for England.

### 5. Implications:

- **Financial:** None
- **Legal:** None
- **Human Rights:** None
- **Personnel:** None
- **Community Safety:** None
- **Environmental implications:** None
- **Council's Core Values:** being fair and equitable
- **Wards Affected:** Harnham East and Harnham West

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### 1. Purpose of Report :

To report to the Committee the outcome of complaint to the Standards Board for England.

### 2. Background :

2.1 A complaint was received by the Standards Board for England alleging that Councillors Ian Tomes and Simon Howarth had failed to register, in the case of Councillor Tomes, or declare, in the case of both Councillors, interests due to Councillor Tomes' position as a trader at Salisbury Market.

2.2 The Monitoring Officer has received notification from the Standards Board that it considered both complaints and decided not to refer either of them to an Ethical Standards Officer for investigation. This is because it was decided there was no indication Councillor Tomes failed to register his interest as a market trade or that he failed to declare his interest at any of Salisbury District Council's City Area Committee meetings and that it did not seem Councillor Howarth, by virtue of being of the same political group had a personal interest which should have been declared.

### 3. Recommendations

The recommendation is that the Committee note this report.

### 4. Background Papers:

Letter dated 20<sup>th</sup> July 2004 from the Standards Board.

### 5. Implications:

- **Financial:** None
- **Legal:** None
- **Human Rights:** None
- **Personnel:** None
- **Community Safety:** None
- **Environmental implications:** None
- **Council's Core Values:** being fair and equitable
- **Wards Affected:** St Martin & Milford area

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## COMPLAINTS TO STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND

### 1. Purpose of Report :

To report to the Committee the outcome of complaint to the Standards Board for England.

### 2. Background :

- 2.1 Alleging that Councillors John Hinnis of Wilton Town Council and Rosemary Williams of Amesbury Town Council were in breach of their respective Codes of Conduct in relation to their conduct at meetings of Salisbury District Council's Tenants' Panel, of which both are members.
- 2.2 The Monitoring Officer has received notification from the Standards Board that it considered the complaints and decided not to refer either of them to an Ethical Standards Officer for investigation. This is because the Board did not consider that the alleged conduct would have involved a failure to comply with their respective Councils' Codes of Conduct even if it were found to have occurred.

### 3. Recommendations

The recommendation is that the Committee note this report.

### 4. Background Papers:

Letter dated 20<sup>th</sup> July 2004 from the Standards Board for England.

### 5. Implications:

- **Financial:** None
- **Legal:** None
- **Human Rights:** None
- **Personnel:** None
- **Community Safety:** None
- **Environmental implications:** None
- **Council's Core Values:** being fair and equitable
- **Wards Affected:** Wilton Town and Amesbury Town