

<b>Recommendation to Council on 13 September 2012</b>	<b>From: General Purposes Committee on 2 August 2012</b>	<b>Item 9 (b) (ii)</b>
	<b>Localism Act 2011 – Registration and Declaration of Interests</b>  <b>Other Interests</b>	
1.	Council is asked to approve the following recommendation:-	
	<b>that Members be required to abide by the law and the Nolan Committee Seven Principles of Public Life in determining whether any additional interests should be disclosed.</b>	
	<b>Background</b>	
2.	At its meeting on 2 August 2012 the Head of Legal and Democratic Services reminded Members that, under the Localism Act, they were required to register disclosable pecuniary interests and that these interests had been incorporated within Schedule 1 of the new Code of Conduct. He also reminded Members that the Authority had the power to identify any other interests that it felt should be registered. To this end he drew Members' attention to those personal interests that Members had been required to register and declare under the previous Code of Conduct and put them forward as possible examples that Members might, for the sake of transparency, wish to adopt.	
3.	The Head of Legal and Democratic Services stated that once the full range of required interests had been determined Central Bedfordshire Members would be required to re-register their interests.	
4	In response to a query regarding the definition of a disclosable pecuniary interest as an interest of the Member or his or her partner within the descriptions listed in Schedule 1, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services explained that the Localism Act made no reference to other family members in this context.	
5.	Following full discussion the Committee indicated that it did not feel that any other interests should be specified in a separate Schedule 2 to the new Code of Conduct given that this would certainly omit some interests which should be included. Instead, it was felt that Members should decide themselves whether or not to notify meetings of such other relevant interests they held having regard to statutory requirements and the Nolan Committee Principles.	
<b>Appendices</b>	None	