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and to I Dewar (Interim County Executive Officer, Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Association of Local Councils (CPALC)), for information.

Dear Sir or Madam

This is a supplement to the previously-published agenda for the meeting of **STANDARDS COMMITTEE** on **WEDNESDAY**, **17 JUNE 2009**, containing further responses to the Standards Board for England review of Standards Framework. All consultees had been advised that the Standards Committee would accept representations up until 10 am on the meeting date.

Yours faithfully GJ HARLOCK Chief Executive

Requests for a large print agenda must be received at least 48 hours before the meeting.

AGENDA

12. Standards Board for England review of Standards Framework

To note the collated responses from South Cambridgeshire District and Parish Councillors, Parish Clerks and Standards Committee members. With the permission of the Chairman, any responses received after the deadline of Monday 8 June will be tabled at the meeting.

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Appendix B (post-publication responses)

Recent events in Westminster have illustrated clearly that self regulation in public life is open to abuse. I strongly oppose any method of regulation where the judges have any personal knowledge whatever of the situation. It would be impossible to assure impartiality in such circumstances. I believe that standards regulation should only be policed by disinterested, impartial parties. In practice, this would mean that judgement should only be carried out by people from remote areas with no connection whatever to the areas where any alleged offence has occurred.

Regards,

E Halford

(This is my personal opinion although I am a parish councillor in Comberton)

2 main comments:

- Clearer advice requested on Prejudicial interests in small communities requested.
- Also request for helpline for Councillors requiring clarification on personal and prejudicial interests.

Kirstin Rayner Parish Clerk (Job Share) Gamlingay Parish Council

Having consulted other Councillors I can verify that the Little Wilbraham Parish Council has no comments.

Regards, Prue Addecott Chairman, Little Wilbraham Parish Council This page is left blank intentionally.