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Dear Colleague,

OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY ON PERSONAL INTERESTS A GUIDE FOR COUNCILLORS

I enclose a copy of a letter which Bob Neill has today sent to local authority leaders about a guide for councillors on openness and transparency on personal interests which the Department has now published.

As Bob Neill's letter explains, this guide gives straightforward information about how councillors should be open and transparent about their personal interests, and about how monitoring officers should approach their roles under the new standards arrangements.

I should be grateful if you would please draw the guide and this correspondence to the attention of your monitoring officer. Copies of the guide are available on the Department's web-site.

Any queries about this letter and enclosures should be addressed to the Conduct and Council Constitutions Team on 0303 44 44166 or 0303 44 42584.

Yours sincerely,

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