

DECISION NOTICE – SHORT WRITTEN DECISION

The details given below represent a short written decision, as made by the Standards Committee. It is a brief summary of the outcome of today's hearing. A full written decision, providing more detail in respect of the outcome of the hearing, will be issued as soon as practicable.

SBE CASE NUMBER(S)	SBE10938.05
MEMBER	Councillor John Lane
AUTHORITY	Bromyard and Winslow Town Council
SUMMARY OF ALLEGATION	It is alleged that Councillor Lane breached the Code of Conduct on 18 April 2005 by failing to declare a personal interest.
DATE OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE HEARING	Tuesday 26 July 2005
STANDARDS COMMITTEE PANEL MEMBERS	Mr Robert Rogers (Independent Member) (Chairman), Mr Richard Gething (Parish Council Representative), Mr John Hardwick (Parish Council Representative), Mr David Stevens (Independent Member), Councillor John Stone (Herefordshire Council)

DECISION

We have carefully considered the evidence and submissions presented before us today. We find that on 18 April 2005, Councillor John Lane breached paragraph 8 of the Town Council's Code of Conduct which requires that a Councillor with a personal interest in a matter who attends a meeting of the council at which the matter is considered must disclose at that meeting the existence and nature of that interest at the commencement of that consideration, or when the interest becomes apparent.

We have accepted Councillor Lane's apology made this morning on the public record and in these circumstances we do not impose any further penalty.

Our recommendation to Bromyard and Winslow Town Council is that in view of the importance which we attach to training for Councillors on the Code of Conduct, the training planned by the Council for 1 October 2005 should be attended by all Town Councillors, not only those new to the Council. Training should also involve the Herefordshire Association of Local Councils and Herefordshire Council's Monitoring Officer. We have asked for a report on which Councillors attend this event and what arrangements are being made for any absentees to receive training and in what time scale.

Our Decision Notice will be made available today and will be posted on the Herefordshire Council's website. Our full decision will be published as soon as possible.

**Standards Committee
Herefordshire Council
Brockington
35 Hafod Road, Hereford
Date: 26 July 2005
Ref: MR/CSS/SBE0502**