

Agenda

Corporate and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Monday, 30 November 2015, 10.30 am
County Hall, Worcester

All County Councillors are invited to attend and participate

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DISCLOSING INTERESTS

There are now 2 types of interests:
'Disclosable pecuniary interests' and **'other disclosable interests'**

WHAT IS A 'DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST' (DPI)?

- Any **employment**, office, trade or vocation carried on for profit or gain
- **Sponsorship** by a 3rd party of your member or election expenses
- Any **contract** for goods, services or works between the Council and you, a firm where you are a partner/director, or company in which you hold shares
- Interests in **land** in Worcestershire (including licence to occupy for a month or longer)
- **Shares** etc (with either a total nominal value above £25,000 or 1% of the total issued share capital) in companies with a place of business or land in Worcestershire.

NB Your DPIs include the interests of your spouse/partner as well as you

WHAT MUST I DO WITH A DPI?

- **Register** it within 28 days and
- **Declare** it where you have a DPI in a matter at a particular meeting
 - you must **not participate** and you **must withdraw**.

NB It is a criminal offence to participate in matters in which you have a DPI

WHAT ABOUT 'OTHER DISCLOSABLE INTERESTS'?

- No need to register them but
- You must **declare** them at a particular meeting where:
You/your family/person or body with whom you are associated have a **pecuniary interest** in or **close connection** with the matter under discussion.

WHAT ABOUT MEMBERSHIP OF ANOTHER AUTHORITY OR PUBLIC BODY?

You will not normally even need to declare this as an interest. The only exception is where the conflict of interest is so significant it is seen as likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest.

DO I HAVE TO WITHDRAW IF I HAVE A DISCLOSABLE INTEREST WHICH ISN'T A DPI?

Not normally. You must withdraw only if it:

- affects your **pecuniary interests OR** relates to a **planning or regulatory** matter
- **AND** it is seen as likely to **prejudice your judgement** of the public interest.

DON'T FORGET

- If you have a disclosable interest at a meeting you must **disclose both its existence and nature** – 'as noted/recorded' is insufficient
- **Declarations must relate to specific business** on the agenda
 - General scattergun declarations are not needed and achieve little
- Breaches of most of the **DPI provisions** are now **criminal offences** which may be referred to the police which can on conviction by a court lead to fines up to £5,000 and disqualification up to 5 years
- Formal **dispensation** in respect of interests can be sought in appropriate cases.

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Membership

Councillors:

Mr C B Taylor (Chairman), Mr S R Peters (Vice Chairman), Mr M H Broomfield, Mr S C Cross, Mrs P E Davey, Mr C G Holt, Mr R C Lunn, Mrs E B Tucker and Mr P A Tuthill

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CORPORATE PLAN AND 2016/17 BUDGET: COMMERCIAL AND CHANGE AND COMMUNITIES

Summary

1. As part of the Council's process for consultation on the 2016/17 budget, the Cabinet Members with Responsibility for Finance, Transformation and Commissioning, Localism and Communities, the Chief Financial Officer, the Director of Commercial and Change and the Head of Community and Environment have been invited to discuss the budget challenges facing services in 2016/17 and how these are being addressed.

Background

2. The Council needs to ensure that it can continue to deliver services within a tight financial settlement and find solutions to deliver the necessary savings. The Council continues working to do things differently through the FutureFit programme, with a combination of efficiencies and savings proposals.

3. On 19 November 2015 the Cabinet considered the development of the Corporate Plan, FutureFit, and the next Medium Term Financial Plan 2016/17 to 2019/20, alongside savings proposals which have emerged from Corporate Strategy Planning 2015.

4. The report to Cabinet set out the context for the budget, as well as feedback from local businesses and staff, the Council's Corporate Plan Priorities and a financial summary. The Cabinet report, including the savings proposals, can be accessed on the Council's website [here](#)

Purpose of the meeting

5. The Panel is asked to consider:

a) the budget challenges facing services in 2016/17 and how these are being addressed, and

b) the review of the medium term financial plan, what risks it contains, its feasibility and whether it will enable the Corporate Plan to be implemented.

6. The Panel chairman will feed back the Panel's discussion to the Budget Member Challenge Group.

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Head of Legal and Democratic Services) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

- Agenda and Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board on 7 July 2015
- Agenda and Minutes of the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 5 November 2014
- Agenda and Minutes of Cabinet on 26 February (Appendix 1 Key messages from Overview and from the Budget Scrutiny Task Group)