

Agenda

Corporate and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Wednesday, 13 September 2017, 2.00 pm
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), Mrs M A Rayner (Vice Chairman), Mr A D Kent, Mr R C Lunn, Mr R J Morris, Mr J A D O'Donnell, Prof J W Raine, Mr A Stafford and Mr R P Tomlinson

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2	Declarations of Interest and of any Party Whip	
3	Public Participation <i>Members of the public wishing to take part should notify the Head of Legal and Democratic Services in writing or by e-mail indicating the nature and content of their proposed participation no later than 9.00am on the working day before the meeting (in this case 12 September 2017). Enquiries can be made through the telephone number/e-mail address below.</i>	
4	Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting (previously circulated)	
5	Update on Place Partnership Ltd	1 - 2

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CORPORATE AND COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL 13 SEPTEMBER 2017

UPDATE ON PLACE PARTNERSHIP LIMITED

Summary

1. The Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Transformation and Commissioning, the Head of Commercial and colleagues from Place Partnership Ltd (PPL) have been invited to the meeting to update Members on how the County Council's relationship with PPL is developing.

Background

2. On 15 November 2016 (during the previous Council) the Corporate and Communities O&S Panel received a briefing on Place Partnership Limited (PPL).
3. Following the Elections in May 2017, it is timely for the new Panel to receive a further update on Place Partnership Limited covering how the County Council's relationship with PPL is developing and providing background information for new and returning Members.

Place Partnership Limited

4. The proposal for Place Partnership Limited was approved by Cabinet in 2014.
5. PPL is the first multi-agency joint property vehicle of its kind. It is a private company wholly owned by a number of private sector bodies, delivering innovative property services.
6. PPL have been invited to attend the meeting to discuss how their relationship with the County Council has developed over the last year, including achievements to date.

Purpose of the Meeting

7. The Corporate and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel is asked to:
 - Consider the update received;
 - Agree whether it would wish to make any comments to the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Transformation and Commissioning; and
 - Determine whether it would wish to carry out any further scrutiny.

Contact Point for the Report

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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 Corporate and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel held on 15 November 2016

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