



## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## **Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Panel**

### **Tuesday, 22 November 2016, 2.00 pm, County Hall, Worcester**

#### **Membership**

##### **Councillors:**

Ms L R Duffy (Chairman), Mrs F M Oborski (Vice Chairman), Mr R W Banks, Mr P Denham, Mrs J L M A Griffiths, Mr I Hopwood and Mr J W R Thomas

##### **Co-opted Church Representatives (for education matters)**

Bryan Allbut (Church of England)

##### **Parent Governor Representatives (for education matters)**

Ms C Richardson (Parent Governor) and Vacancy

#### **Agenda**

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3	<b>Public Participation</b> 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 21 November). Enquiries can be made through the telephone number/e-mail address below.	
4	<b>Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b> (previously circulated)	
5	<b>Futurefit - Proposals for Change and Reform to Support the Medium Term Financial Plan: Children and Families</b>	1 - 2
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## **CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 22 NOVEMBER 2016**

### **FUTUREFIT – PROPOSALS FOR CHANGE AND REFORM TO SUPPORT THE MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN: CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

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#### **Summary**

1. As part of the Council's development of the 2017/18 budget, the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Children and Families and the Director of Children, Families and Communities have been invited to discuss the budget challenges facing services in 2017/18 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 is continuing to work to do things differently through the FutureFit programme, with a combination of efficiencies and savings proposals.
3. On 17 November 2016 Cabinet will be considering progress since the last FutureFit update, proposals to support the delivery of the Corporate Plan (including the delivery of savings to 2020), and the development of the Medium Term Financial Plan and budget setting.
4. The report to Cabinet will set out the context for the budget, as well as the Council's Corporate Plan Priorities and a financial summary. The Cabinet report, including savings proposals, can be accessed on the Council's website [here](#)

#### **2017/18 Budget Scrutiny Task Group**

5. On 13 September, the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board agreed to set up a scrutiny task group to undertake in-depth scrutiny of the 2017/18 budget. Chairmen of Overview and Scrutiny Panels and the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be invited to attend a meeting of the task group in early December to feedback the views of their Panels/Committee on the outcomes of Corporate Strategy Planning discussions and the savings proposals outlined in the Cabinet report.

#### **Equality and Diversity Implications**

6. Last year's budget scrutiny task group gave a "light touch" consideration to equalities issues raised by savings proposals and suggested that the Diversity Manager should be invited to the Panel to help members consider the Equalities Impact of each Corporate Strategy proposal.

## **Purpose of the meeting**

7. The Panel is asked to consider and agree comments on the savings proposals for Children and Families, which the Chairman will feed back to the 2017/18 Budget Scrutiny Task Group.

## **Supporting Information**

- Report to Cabinet on 17 November 2016 – circulated to Members of the Panel and available electronically on the Council's website [here](#)

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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 13 September 2016
- Agenda and Minutes of the Adult Care and Well-being Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 17 November 2015

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