

Agenda

Planning and Regulatory Committee

Tuesday, 23 October 2018, 10.00 am
County Hall, Worcester

Notes:

Councillors are advised that letters of representation received from local residents in respect of the planning applications on this agenda will be available for inspection in the Member Support Unit 3 days before the Committee and in the meeting room from 9.30am on the day of the meeting

Planning Officers are available for up to 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting to enable Councillors and the public to ask questions about the applications to be considered. This is not a part of the meeting itself but is an informal opportunity for anyone present on the day to clarify factual details about the applications, examine background documents and view plans that are on display

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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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Councillors: Mr R C Adams (Chairman), Ms P Agar, Mr R M Bennett, Mr G R Brookes, Mr P Denham, Mr A Fry, Mr I D Hardiman, Mr P B Harrison, Mrs A T Hingley, Dr C Hotham, Mr J A D O'Donnell, Mrs J A Potter, Prof J W Raine, Mr C Rogers and Mr P A Tuthill

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1	Named Substitutes	
2	Apologies/Declarations of Interest	
3	Public Participation The Council has put in place arrangements which usually allow one speaker each on behalf of objectors, the applicant and supporters of applications to address the Committee. Speakers are chosen from those who have made written representations and expressed a desire to speak at the time an application is advertised. Where there are speakers, presentations are made as part of the consideration of each application.	
4	Confirmation of Minutes To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2018. (previously circulated – pink pages)	
5	Proposed Improvements to Highways Infrastructure in the Churchfields area to the north of Kidderminster Town Centre including the Demolition of the CMS/Vauxhall Building at Churchfields at Land adjacent to St Marys Ringway (A456) and Churchfields/Blackwell Street, Kidderminster, Worcestershire	1 - 58

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