

Agenda

Corporate and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Tuesday, 22 May 2018, 2.30 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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1	Apologies and Welcome	
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 21 May 2018). Enquiries can be made through the telephone number/e-mail address below.</i>	
4	Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting	
5	Discussion with the Director of Commercial and Commissioning and the Chief Financial Officer	1 - 4
6	What can Worcestershire County Council do to maximise Income generation?	

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DISCUSSION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF COMMERCIAL AND COMMISSIONING AND THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Summary

1. The Chairman of the Panel has invited Andrew Spice, the new Director of Commercial and Commissioning and Michael Hudson, the new Chief Financial Officer to the meeting. The Director has been asked to outline his vision for the Directorate.
2. The Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Transformation and Commissioning has also been invited to the meeting.

Purpose of the Meeting

3. The Panel is asked to consider the Director's Vision for the Directorate and, in light of the discussion, agree if any amendments are needed to the Panel's Work Programme (attached at Appendix 1).

Supporting Information

Appendix 1 – Corporate and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel Work Programme (updated with progress to date)

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Head of Legal and Democratic Services) there are no background papers relating to the subject matter of this report.

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Corporate & Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel Work Programme		Update on Progress
1.	Worcestershire County Council - Property <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accountability of the Place Partnership • How do we use our property? • Review of capital monies and property 	Discussed 13 September 2017
2.	Worcestershire County Council Workforce <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What future skills/roles does the Council need? • What skills gap exists? • Does WCC pay and reward effectively? • Does WCC have a strong succession management system? • Does WCC recruit the required talent and behaviour? • Do WCC Managers support a performance driven culture based on achieving the best outcomes for the people of Worcestershire? • Are the corporate values embedded across the organisation? 	
3.	What can Worcestershire County Council do to maximise income generation?	Being discussed 22 May 2018
4.	How can Worcestershire County Council support Local Business? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can Worcestershire County Council use Social Value Act to procure services locally? 	
5.	Culture: How can we utilise the Culture of Worcestershire to maximise the benefit to the County? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of cultural offering and how it can be improved • Role of Council and partners • Funding opportunities – are they being utilised? 	
6.	Councillor IT	Discussed 8 March 2018
7.	Information sharing with District Councils	Discussed 8 March 2018
8.	Road safety (particularly around schools)	Being discussed at the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board Annual Crime and Disorder Meeting on 24 July 2018
9.	Commissioning – How do we manage and ensure value for money and quality service?	
10.	Communications – How do we ensure residents	

	have easy access and we communicate service levels? WCC brand and the postal service	
11.	The Council's role in post-Brexit subsidy mechanisms for rural activities.	
Standing item	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance Management • Quality Assurance • Budget Scrutiny Process 	Discussed November 2017 and January 2018