

Agenda

Council

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County Hall, Worcester

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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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Agenda and Summons

Councillors: Mrs P E Davey (Chairman), Mr A A J Adams, Mr R C Adams, Ms P Agar, Mr A T Amos, Mrs S Askin, Mr J Baker, Mr R W Banks, Mr M L Bayliss, Mr A N Blagg, Mrs S L Blagg, Mr C J Bloore, Mr PJ Bridle, Mr M H Broomfield, Mr J P Campion, Mr S J M Clee, Mr S C Cross, Mr P Denham, Mr N Desmond, Mrs E A Eyre, Ms L R Duffy, Mr A Fry, Mr S E Geraghty, Mr W P Gretton, Mrs J L M A Griffiths, Mr P Grove, Mr A I Hardman, Mr M J Hart, Ms P A Hill, Mrs A T Hingley, Mrs L C Hodgson, Mr C G Holt, Mr I Hopwood, Mr M E Jenkins, Ms R E Jenkins, Mr R C Lunn, Mr L C R Mallett, Mr P M McDonald, Mr A P Miller, Mrs F M Oborski, Mr J W Parish, Mr S R Peters, Dr K A Pollock, Mr D W Prodger, Prof J W Raine, Mrs M A Rayner, Mr A C Roberts, Mr J H Smith, Mr R J Sutton, Mr C B Taylor, Mr J W R Thomas, Mrs E B Tucker, Mr P A Tuthill, Mr R M Udall, Mr G J Vickery, Mr T A L Wells and Mr G C Yarranton

1 Apologies and Declaration of Interests

To receive apologies and invite any Councillor to declare any interest in any of the items on this agenda.

2 Chairman

To elect a Chairman of the Council to hold office until his or her successor becomes entitled to act.

3 Vice-Chairman

To appoint a Vice-Chairman of the Council to hold office until immediately after the election of a Chairman at the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

4 Public Participation

To allow a member of the public to present a petition, or ask a question relating to the functions of the Council, or to make a comment on any matter on the agenda.

Members of the public wishing to take part should notify the Head of Legal and Democratic Services in writing or by e-mail indicating both the nature and content of their proposed participation no later than 9.00am on the working day before the meeting (in this case Wednesday, 13 May 2015). Further details are available on the Council's website. Enquiries can also be made through the telephone number/e-mail address listed below.

5 Minutes

To approve as a correct record and authorise the signing of the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2015 (circulated previously in electronic form).

6 Chairman's Announcements

To receive any announcements to be made by the Chairman (**both retiring and incoming**).

7 Constitutional and Other Matters 1 - 10

To consider a report on (a) the realignment of overview and scrutiny arrangements to fit the Council's new Operating Model, (b) political balance of committees, (c) the appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen, (d) proposed updates to the Council's Constitution and (e) the dates for future Council meetings. (**yellow pages – Appendix 2 to follow**).

8 Overview and Scrutiny - Annual Report 11 - 32

To receive the annual report of the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board and answers to any questions on it (**grey pages**).

9 Overview and Scrutiny - Future Work Programme 33 - 44

To receive a report on the future work programme of the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board (**yellow pages**).

10 Reports of Cabinet 45 - 54

To consider the reports of the Cabinet and to receive answers to any questions asked on those reports. Matters which require a decision by Council are on **yellow pages**. Matters upon which decisions have been taken by Cabinet are on **white pages**.

11 Reports of Cabinet Members with Responsibility 55 - 62

To receive the reports of (a) the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Economy, Skills and Infrastructure, and (b) the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Transformation and Commissioning on current issues and proposed developments within their areas of responsibility and to receive answers to any questions on them. (**green pages – part b to follow**).

12 Question Time 63 - 64

To receive answers to any questions asked by Councillors (orange pages).

(Members are reminded of the timescale adopted by Council for notice of questions. A Councillor may only ask a question if:

- *it is delivered in writing to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services by noon on **Monday 11 May 2015** or*
- *if it relates to urgent business, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services is notified at least half an hour before the start of the meeting).*

13 Notices of Motion 65 - 66

To receive the report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services on any Notices of Motion received by him (**lilac pages**). Councillors are asked to note that any Notices of Motion must be received by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services no later than noon on Thursday, 7 May 2015.

14 Reports of Committees 67 - 72

To consider the reports of the Audit and Governance and the Planning and Regulatory Committees (**white pages - attached**) which summarise the decisions taken by those bodies.

NOTES

- **Webcasting**

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- **Catering Arrangements**

Luncheon will be available at 1.00pm or thereabouts in the Lakeview Room. This will be provided for all Councillors, without payment, and for pre-notified guests, who must be paid for in advance. An indication of any guests wishing to take luncheon should be given to staff in the Business Support Unit at least three days before the Council meeting.

- **Council Photograph**

Arrangements are being made for a photograph to be taken of the whole Council. Details will be included in the Chairman's Announcements circulated on Council day. It is envisaged that the photograph will be taken either during the luncheon break or at the end of the meeting, whichever is earlier.

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