Agenda Pension Investment Sub-Committee

Monday, 13 June 2022, 10.00 am Online only

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DISCLOSING INTERESTS

There are now 2 types of interests: <u>'Disclosable pecuniary interests'</u> and <u>'other disclosable interests'</u>

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 <u>spouse/partner</u> 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: Cllr Adrian Hardman (Chairman), Cllr Elizabeth Eyre, Cllr Karen Hanks,

Co-opted Members

Cllr Trish Marsh (Voting) Herefordshire Council Vacancy (Non-voting) Employee Representative

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4	Confirmation of Minutes To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2022 (previously circulated).	
5	Exclusion of Public and Press RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public shall be excluded from the meeting during items 6 – 8 on the grounds that there would be disclosure to them of information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding the information) and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. Summary of the proceedings of the meeting during which the press and public were excluded. (This is a fair summary of the proceedings.)	
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