

# Agenda

## Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board

**Tuesday, 25 October 2022, 2.00 pm**  
**Town Hall, Redditch**

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 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.

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### Membership

#### Councillors:

Cllr Tom Wells (Chairman), Cllr Alan Amos (Vice Chairman), Cllr Alastair Adams, Cllr Brandon Clayton, Cllr Matt Dormer, Cllr Steve Mackay, Cllr Emma Stokes, Cllr Shirley Webb and Cllr Richard Udall

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

Mr T Reid (Church Representative - Church of England)

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

Mr M Hughes (Parent Governor Representative)

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1	<b>Apologies and Welcome</b>	
2	<b>Declaration of Interest and of any Party Whip</b>	
3	<b>Public Participation</b>  Members of the public wishing to take part should notify the Assistant Director for Legal and Governance 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 24 October 2022). Further details are available on the Council's website. Enquiries can also be made through the telephone number/e-mail address listed in this agenda and on the website.	
4	<b>Relocation of Redditch Library</b>	1 - 2

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## **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PERFORMANCE BOARD 25 OCTOBER 2022**

### **RELOCATION OF REDDITCH LIBRARY**

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#### **Summary**

1. The Board will consider proposals for the proposed re-location of Redditch Library, which will be discussed by Cabinet on 27 October 2022.
2. The Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Communities and the Assistant Director for Communities have been invited to the meeting.

#### **Background**

3. In June 2021 Redditch Borough Council secured a historic investment of £15.6 million Town Deal which will help fund ambitious new projects for the town. The funding represents one of the single largest government investments in Redditch since it became a new town in the 1960s. The Town Deal is to be progressed through a collaborative approach between the Redditch Town Deal Board (which includes representative from Worcestershire County Council) and Redditch Borough Council. The priority projects to be funded by the Town Deal have been selected because they will demonstrably boost the productivity and economy of the town, promote innovation and digital transformation, enhance the look and feel of the public areas and provide increased green and connected town centre spaces. The projects to be taken forward are:

- Development of a new digital manufacturing and innovation centre
- Redevelopment of the current Redditch Library site
- Town Centre public realm Improvements.

4. The Town Deal for Redditch and Worcester falls within the remit of the Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel and is included in an Item on Levelling Up as part of its Work Programme.

5. The County Council is actively supporting the regeneration of Redditch within its Town Plan and wants to work collaboratively with the Borough Council on the re-location of the existing Library into other suitable premises. A report is being taken through the County Council's Cabinet on the 27 October 2022 to share the plans for the relocation of Redditch Library and to seek approval to commence formal public consultation ahead of any final decision. The Scrutiny process allows for early consideration of the proposals and the Board's views will be taken into consideration by the Cabinet at its meeting on 27 October.

6. In order to understand and fully appreciate the proposals being considered by Cabinet, Members of the Board are invited to visit the existing Redditch Library and the new proposed location before this meeting

#### **Issues for the Panel to Consider**

7. The main areas for consideration are the of high-level plans and requirements (commercial arrangements, operational arrangements and collaboration opportunities) for the relocation of Redditch Library as set out in the Cabinet report.

### **Purpose of the Meeting**

8. Following the Board's reflection on its visit to Redditch Library ahead of this meeting, and the subsequent discussion of the proposals being submitted to Cabinet, the Board Chairman will feed back any comments to the Cabinet at its meeting on 27 October.

9. The Board is therefore asked to:

- consider and comment on the proposals being submitted to Cabinet on 27 October
- agree any comments to highlight to the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Communities
- determine whether any further information or scrutiny on a particular topic is required.

### **Supporting Information**

Appendix 1 – 27 October 2022 – Cabinet Report – Relocation of Redditch Library (to follow)

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### **Background Papers**

In the opinion of the Proper Officer, in this case the Democratic Governance and Scrutiny Manager there are no background papers relating to the subject matter of this report

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