

**Stronger Communities and  
Neighbourhood Services  
Scrutiny Board**

**ARRANGEMENTS FOR PUBLIC ACCESS TO REMOTE MEETINGS**

During the Covid 19 pandemic virtual meetings are taking place.

**PLEASE NOTE** that any member of the press and public may listen to proceedings at this virtual meeting via a weblink which will be publicised on the Council website at least 24hrs before the meeting.

To view live paste this link into your browser:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7DDSVoAlqTnwgp0Ku8iFLQ>

Members of the press and public may tweet, blog etc. during the live broadcast, as they would be able to during a regular Committee meeting in the Council Offices. It is important, however, that Councillors can discuss and take decisions without disruption, so the only participants in this virtual meeting will be the Councillors concerned and the officers advising the Committee.

**Tuesday 16 March 2021 at 1800hrs  
Virtual Meeting**

## Disclosing Pecuniary Interests - What Must You Do?

(a) You must complete a declaration of your disclosable pecuniary interests, including those of your spouse/civil partner (or someone with whom you are living as such) and send it to the Monitoring Officer within 28 days of your election or appointment to the Council.

(b) When you attend a meeting of the Council, Cabinet, Scrutiny Board, Committee, Sub-Committee or Joint Committee etc, and a matter arises in which you have a disclosable pecuniary interest, unless you have been granted a dispensation, **you must:**

- Declare the interest if you have not already registered it
- Not participate in any discussion or vote
- Leave the meeting room until the matter has been dealt with
- Give written notice of any unregistered interest to the Monitoring Officer within 28 days of the meeting

(c) If you are the Leader or a Cabinet Portfolio Holder you may not exercise any of your delegated powers as a single member in relation to a matter in which you have a disclosable pecuniary interest or take any other step except to give written notice of any unregistered interest to the Monitoring Officer within 28 days of your becoming aware of the interest, or arrange for another person or body to deal with the matter.

Disclosable Interest	Description
Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain by you or your partner.
Sponsorship	Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the Council) made or provided within 12 months of your declaration of interests in respect of any expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses.
Contracts	Any contract between you or your partner (or a firm or body corporate in which you or your partner is a partner or a director, or in the securities of which you or your partner has a beneficial interest) <b>and</b> the Council (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; <b>and</b> (b) which has not been fully discharged.
Land	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the Council and which gives you or your partner a right to occupy the land or receive income.
Licences	Any licence held by you or your partner (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the Council for a month or longer.
Corporate tenancies	Any tenancy where (to your knowledge)— (a) the landlord is the Council; <b>and</b> (b) the tenant is a body in which you or your partner has a beneficial interest i.e. a firm or body corporate in which you or your partner is a partner or a director, or in the securities of which you or your partner has a beneficial interest.
Securities	Any beneficial interest held by you or your partner in securities of a body where—  (a) that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the Council; <b>and</b> (b) either— (i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; <b>or</b>  (ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you or your partner has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.  “securities” means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description, other than money deposited with a building society.

SOLIHULL METROPOLITAN  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

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**STRONGER COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES  
SCRUTINY BOARD  
Tuesday 16 March 2021**

**AGENDA**

1. **WELCOME AND OPENING STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN FOR VIRTUAL MEETING ARRANGEMENTS**
2. **APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS**
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
4. **QUESTIONS AND DEPUTATIONS**
5. **MINUTES** (Pages 5 - 14)

To receive, for approval, the Minutes of the last meeting held on 20 January 2021.

6. **BEREAVEMENT SERVICES STRATEGY UPDATE** (Pages 15 - 20)

The Council's Bereavement Services Strategy covers the period from 2019 to 2029 and was the subject of previous scrutiny in 2018/19.

This report provides an update on a number of key areas of work in relation to the Strategy and the provision of services in Solihull.

7. **CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDER UPDATE - KEY ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2020/21 AND PRIORITIES FOR 2021/22** (Pages 21 - 34)

To scrutinise the delivery and progress of the Cabinet Portfolio key priorities for 2020/21 having regard to the 2020-25 Council Plan refresh and recovery from the impact and challenges of COVID-19.

To consider and comment upon the Portfolio priorities for 2021/22.

To spotlight any topics for scrutiny to support future decision making and policy development in 2021/22.

Cabinet Portfolios being presented:

- Stronger & Safer Communities.
- Environment & Highways.
- Leisure, Tourism & Sport.

An indicative copy of the 2020-25 Council Plan is included within the agenda and a copy of the full text is available here [www.solihull.gov.uk/About-Solihull/Solihull-Council-Plan](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/About-Solihull/Solihull-Council-Plan)

8. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

(If applicable)