

**Council**  
**Thursday 25 February 2021 at**  
**5.30pm**

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## 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.

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**COUNCIL - Thursday 25 February 2021**

**AGENDA**

**The Mayor to announce:**

**'May I remind everyone present that this meeting will be broadcast live via  
YouTube.'**

1. **APOLOGIES.**

2. **COUNCIL MINUTES (5:30PM)** (Pages 9 - 18)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the previous Council meeting.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR CONFLICTING INTERESTS FROM  
MEMBERS (5:35PM)**

To receive declarations of interest from Members in accordance with the Code  
of Conduct (Members are directed to the guidance sheet attached)

4. **PETITIONS (5:40PM)**

To receive petitions from Members of the Council.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS (5:45PM)**

To receive any announcements from the Mayor, Leader of the Council or  
Members of the Cabinet.

6. **QUESTIONS AND DEPUTATIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 9 AND 12  
(5:50PM)**

To answer questions asked by residents of the Borough under Standing Order 9 and to hear petitioners or deputations in accordance with Standing Order 12.

7. **QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 8 (30 MINUTES) (6.20PM)**

To answer questions asked under Standing Order 8 by Councillors **(30 Minutes)**

8. **COUNCIL TOPIC OF DEBATE**

To deal with any Topic of Debate submitted.

9. **NOTICE OF MOTION (6:50PM)**

To deal with the following motions from:

**1) Cllr T Hodgson and seconded by Cllr McLoughlin:**

Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill

That Council notes that:

- i. This Council has declared a climate and ecological emergency;
- ii. Many local authorities have established Citizens' Assemblies that are playing an important role in assisting them in their plans to achieve Net Zero by 2030 or before; and that
- iii. There is a Bill before Parliament—the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill (published as the “Climate and Ecology Bill”)—according to which the Government must develop an emergency strategy that:
  - a. requires that the UK plays its fair and proper role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions consistent with limiting global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees C above pre-industrial temperatures;
  - b. ensures that all the UK's consumption emissions are accounted for;
  - c. includes emissions from aviation and shipping;
  - d. protects and restores biodiverse habitats along overseas supply chains;
  - e. restores and regenerates the UK's depleted soils, wildlife habitats and species populations to healthy and robust states, maximising their capacity to absorb CO<sub>2</sub> and their resistance to climate heating;
  - f. sets up an independent Citizens' Assembly, representative of the UK's population, to engage with Parliament and Government and help develop the emergency strategy.

Council therefore **resolves** to:

- ii. Write to the MPs for Solihull and Meriden, asking them to support

- the Bill; and
- iii. Write to the [CEE Bill Alliance](#), the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, expressing its support ([campaign@ceebill.uk](mailto:campaign@ceebill.uk)).

**2) From Cllr Dr Sexton and seconded by Cllr Caudwell:**

Full Council notes that:

1. Three million people across the UK have missed out on the Government's financial support schemes ('the excluded'), due to technicalities such as: recently changing job, being a director of a limited company, being self-employed less than a year, earning less than half their income through self-employment, and many other reasons.
2. The lack of financial support has had a devastating effect on people's livelihoods and their mental wellbeing.
3. Financially supporting these individuals and businesses is largely outside of the Council's control and needs to be financed by central Government.
4. The end of the Brexit transition period has led to increased uncertainty for already-struggling small businesses, including small limited companies and the self-employed who have largely been excluded from the Government's financial support schemes.

Full Council believes that Government should close the gaps in its financial support schemes, and explore options to retroactively compensate people and businesses that were ineligible for the Government's financial support.

**Full Council therefore resolves to:**

1. Lend its support to ExcludedUK, its efforts to support 'the excluded' and its campaign for fair treatment of 'the excluded'.
2. Call on the Government to address the disparities in support, to ensure that all individuals and businesses currently excluded, entirely or largely, from Covid-19 grants are given the support they need and rightfully deserve.
3. Call on all councillors to sign ExcludedUK's open letter to the Chancellor of The Exchequer that calls for this.
4. Call on Group Leaders to consider writing a separate letter to the Chancellor to urge him to look at ways to provide support to businesses that have missed out on the Covid-19 financial support schemes, using Silhilian people and businesses as case studies, and give councillors the opportunity to contribute to, and co-sign this letter.
5. Ask the Mayor to write to the Borough's MPs to arrange a roundtable discussion with them and their constituency's ward councillors, to hear more of their excluded constituents' stories and work alongside MPs to continue to offer support and advise their constituents wherever possible.

10. **BUDGET FRAMEWORK, MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY AND THE CORPORATE CAPITAL STRATEGY 2021/22- 2030/31 (7.30PM)** (Pages 19 - 150)

(a) To receive the recommendations of Cabinet and approve the Council Budget for 2021/2022, the Medium Term Financial Strategy and the Corporate Capital Strategy and the proposed approach to carbon budget set out in:

(i) The Leaders Report to the Cabinet meeting on 11 February 2021 (pages 19-26)

(ii) The Cabinet minutes from 11 February 2021 (pages 27-30)

(iii) The Cabinet report from 11 February 2021 on the Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2021/22 – 2023/24 (pages 31-143)

(b) To calculate the sums required for the purposes of sections 31A, 31B and 34-36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and to set the Council Tax for 2021/22 in accordance with section 30 of the same Act. (pages 145-149)

A named vote will be held in relation to (a) and (b) above and on any proposed amendments

11. **RECOMMENDATION FOR AUDIT COMMITTEE (8.00PM)** (Pages 151 - 184)

To deal with the following recommendation from the Audit Committee 5 January 2021.

**Minute 6 Treasury Management Strategy 2021/22 to 2030/31**

**RESOLVED**

The Committee **recommend** that Full Council on 25 February 2021 approves:-

- (i) The Treasury Management Strategy 2021/22 to 2030/31 (Appendix A) including the Debt and Investment Strategy and Treasury and Prudential indicators contained within and specifically;
- (ii) The Authorised Limit Prudential Indicator detailed within paragraph 3.2.2 of Appendix A;
- (iii) The further Prudential Indicators for 2021/22 to 2030/31 contained within the extract from the Corporate Capital Strategy 2021/22 to 2030/31 (Appendix B); and
- (iv) The Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy Statement contained within the extract from the Corporate Capital Strategy 2021/22 to 2030/31 (Appendix B).

12. **QUESTIONS BY LEADERS OF POLITICAL GROUPS UNDER SO5 (2) (T) (8.05PM)**

To deal with any questions by Leaders of political groups to the Leader of the Council, a member of the Cabinet, a Chairman of a Committee, Board, Sub-Committee or Task and Finish Group.

13. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE URGENT MATTERS (8.10PM)**

The Chief Executive to report on any urgent matters.

14. **QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 8**

To answer any remaining questions not dealt with under item 8.

15. **RECOMMENDATION FROM CABINET - BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT (8.15PM)**  
(Pages 185 - 188)

The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the Council to provide Shareholder support if required. The commercial details for the recommendation are included in the private part of the agenda.

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

That, pursuant to Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be now excluded from the meeting for the remainder of the business to be transacted, on the grounds that there would be disclosure to them of exempt information in terms of paragraph 3 of Part 9 of Schedule 12A to the said Act.

17. **RECOMMENDATION FROM CABINET- BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT (8.15PM)**  
(Pages 189 - 200)

The purpose of this report is to provide Full Council with the financial analysis for the proposed loan to Birmingham Airport as recommended in the public part of the agenda.

(The reason that the information is confidential is because it relates to the financial and business affairs of Birmingham Airport Holdings Limited (BAHL).)