

Council

Tuesday 5 April 2022 at 6.00 pm

Civic Suite

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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) and the Council (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and (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; and (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; and (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; or (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
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Date Tuesday 29 March 2022

COUNCIL - Tuesday 5 April 2022

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES (6.00PM)**

2. **COUNCIL MINUTES (6.05PM)** (Pages 9 - 14)

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

3. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR CONFLICTING INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS (6.10PM)**

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

4. **PETITIONS (6.15PM)**

To receive petitions from Members of the Council.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS (6.20PM)**

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 (6.30PM)**

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) (7.00PM)**

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 (7.30PM)**

To consider two motions which have been submitted, which are detailed below:

Motion from Councillor Courts:

“The unlawful invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation and the escalating humanitarian crisis facing the Country, represents a direct threat to peace and security in Europe.

This Council Resolves to:-

(i) Condemn unequivocally the unprovoked Russian invasion of Ukraine and stands in solidarity with the people of Ukraine and their families and friends, including those local to Solihull;

(ii) Stand ready to provide support to those affected by this War and will open our arms to people displaced and affected.

(iii) Work with and support the efforts of our local communities to provide help and comfort to those in need.”

Motion from Cllr L McCarthy

“Council recognises the contribution that health care workers have made during the pandemic and beyond. Council is committed to ensuring that all residents have access to appropriate medical care at all times and recognises the impact that the loss of services in Solihull in recent years has had on residents.

Council notes that:

a) Due to high demand and ongoing technical issues, many residents are unable to secure appointments with their local GPs.

b) The loss of the A&E, Maternity Unit, and Ambulance Station at Solihull Hospital has left a gap in care provision for residents of the borough

c) Ambulance response times in the region are consistently missing their target in recent months

d) There is concern that the Minor Injuries Unit has not yet returned in its full capacity to Solihull Hospital.

Council Resolves to:

- (i) Request an extraordinary scrutiny meeting to look at the issues around GP access for patients;

- (ii) Ask the Leader of the Council or the Chief Executive to write to WMAS encouraging the re-opening of the ambulance station at Solihull Hospital;
- (iii) Ask the Leader of the Council or the Chief Executive to write to all relevant partners requesting the full reinstatement of the Minor Injuries Unit at Solihull Hospital.”

10. **RECOMMENDATION FROM CABINET - DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT 2021: COUNTING THE COST OF COVID (8.00PM)** (Pages 15 - 98)

The Council is invited to approve the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2021: Counting the Cost of Covid and agree the next steps that have been set out.

11. **REPORT FROM THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL -THE COUNCIL PLAN 2020 - 2025 (8.15PM)** (Pages 99 - 134)

To seek approval for the Solihull Council Plan, 2022/23 update.

12. **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES (8.30PM)**

To deal with a number of recommendations from Governance Committee 29 March 2022. As the meeting is being held after the publication of the Council agenda, Members will be provided with the agreed recommendations. Detailed below are what the Committee are being asked to consider.

Audit Committee Terms of Reference

That a recommendation be made that Full Council approves the revised terms of reference for the Audit Committee.

Financial Regulations Update – March 2022

To review and agree the revised Financial Regulations and other associated guidance documents as set out in Appendices A-B, following consideration from Audit Committee on 14 March 2022 before final approval being sought at Full Council on the 5 April 2022– with the regulations to be enforced from April 2022.

Independent Remuneration Panel Review of Members' Allowances

The Committee is requested to make recommendations to Council in respect of the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2022-23.

13. **REPORTS FROM CABINET (8.45PM)** (Pages 135 - 206)

To receive a summary of decisions, reports from and to deal with any subsequent questions in relation to the following Cabinet Portfolios:

a) Leader of the Council and Lead Member for the Economy (pages 135-146)

b) Deputy Leader of the Council and Lead Member for Partnership and

Wellbeing including Solihull Health and Wellbeing Board minutes (pages 147-160)

c) Cabinet Member for Resources (pages 161-166)

d) Cabinet Member for Stronger and Safer Communities (pages 167-171)

e) Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Planning and Housing (pages 173-181)

f) Cabinet Member for Children Education and Skills (pages 183-186)

g) Cabinet Member for Environment and Infrastructure (pages 187-193)

h) Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health (pages 195-199)

i) Cabinet Member for Leisure Tourism and Sport (pages 201-205)

14. **MINUTES OF SCRUTINY BOARDS (9.15PM)** (Pages 207 - 258)

The minutes of the following Scrutiny Board are presented for information:

a) Resources and Delivering Value (pages 207-211)

b) Stronger Communities and Neighbourhood Services (pages 213-225)

c) Health and Adult Social Care (pages 227-240)

d) Children's Services, Education and Skills (pages 241-247)

e) Economic Development and Managed Growth (pages 249-258)

15. **MINUTES OF COMMITTEES (9.15PM)** (Pages 259 - 274)

The minutes of the following Committees are presented for information:

a) HS2 Implementation Advisory Group (pages 259-262)

b) Audit Committee (pages 263-269)

c) Remuneration Committee (pages 271-274)

d) Governance Committee (to follow)

16. **JOINT ARRANGEMENTS AND EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (9.20PM)**
(Pages 275 - 278)

To receive the following reports:

a) Minutes of the WMCA Overview and Scrutiny 10 January 2022 Minutes

17. **QUESTIONS BY LEADERS OF POLITICAL GROUPS UNDER SO5 (2) (T)**
(9.25PM)

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.

18. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE URGENT MATTERS (9.30PM)**

The Chief Executive to report on any urgent matters.

19. **QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 8**

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

20. **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.

21. **MINUTES** (Pages 279 - 290)

To receive for information the private minutes of:

- a) Resources and Delivering Value Scrutiny Board (pages 279-281)
- b) Audit Committee (pages 283-287)
- c) Stronger Communities & Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Board (pages 289-290)