

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**MONDAY 26 JULY 2021 at 2pm.  
COUNCIL CHAMBER – CIVIC SUITE**

### **ARRANGEMENTS FOR PUBLIC ACCESS TO MEETINGS**

During the current Covid 19 pandemic restrictions meetings are taking place in the Civic Suite but with limited space for Covid safe public access.

**PLEASE NOTE** that any member of the press and public may view the live proceedings at this meeting on the Council's YouTube site.

To view live paste this link into your browser:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7DDSVoAlgTnwgp0Ku8iFLQ>

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.

## 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

To:  
Mr T Beirne (Chairman), Mr E Mbajah,  
Mr D Page, and Councillors K Allsopp,  
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**AGENDA**

**Mayor/Chairman of the meeting to announce:**

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

1. **APOLOGIES**
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
To receive declarations of interest from Members
3. **QUESTIONS AND DEPUTATIONS**  
To answer questions, if any, asked by any resident of the Borough pursuant to Standing Orders.
4. **MINUTES** (Pages 5 - 8)  
To receive the minutes of the previous meeting.
5. **VERBAL UPDATE FROM THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR**  
To receive a verbal report from the External Auditor
6. **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2020/21** (Pages 9 - 34)  
The purpose of this report is to seek Audit Committee approval for the Council's Annual Governance Statement (AGS) for 2020/21.

7. **ANNUAL REPORT OF INTERNAL AUDIT** (Pages 35 - 62)
  - 1.1 To inform the Audit Committee of Internal Audit work completed during 2020/21, including an opinion on the level of internal control in operation.
  - 1.2 To inform the Audit Committee of Internal Audit's performance during 2020/21.
  - 1.3 To seek Audit Committee endorsement of the 2021/22 Internal Audit Plan.
  - 1.4 To seek Audit Committee endorsement of the Internal Audit Strategy.
  
8. **DRAFT STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2020/21** (Pages 63 - 206)

To ask Members to review the Council's draft Statement of Accounts for 2020/21 (see Appendix A).
  
9. **2021/22 QUARTER 1 TREASURY MANAGEMENT MONITORING REPORT** (Pages 207 - 216)

To provide a monitoring report on the 2021/22 Treasury Management activities for quarter 1.
  
10. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

The meeting is likely not to be open to the public during discussion of the following items because the reports contain exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.
  
11. **MINUTES** (Pages 217 - 218)

To receive the minutes of the previous meeting.