

SOLIHULL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Audit Committee**

Monday 9 January 2023 at 2.00 pm

Civic Suite

## 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:  
Councillors Mr T Beirne (Chairman),  
Mr M Burnett, Mr D Page, M Brain, R Long  
(Vice-Chairman) and A Sandison

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Date Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2022

**AUDIT COMMITTEE - Monday 9 January 2023**

**AGENDA**

1. **APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies.

2. **PUBLIC MINUTES** (Pages 5 - 8)

To receive the public minutes of the previous meeting.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive declarations of interest from Members

4. **QUESTIONS AND DEPUTATIONS**

To answer questions, if any, asked by any resident of the Borough pursuant to Standing Orders.

5. **VERBAL UPDATE FROM THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR**

To receive a verbal report from the External Auditor

6. **AUDITOR'S ANNUAL REPORT ON SOLIHULL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL 2021-22** (Pages 9 - 36)

Under the National Audit Office (NAO) Code of Audit Practice ('the Code'), we are required to consider whether the Council has put in place proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources.

7. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2023/24 TO 2032/33** (Pages 37 - 76)

1.1 To formally recommend that Full Council approves the Treasury Management Strategy (Appendix A) for 2023/24 to 2032/33 including Treasury and Prudential indicators.

1.2 To note the extract from the Corporate Capital Strategy 2023/24 to 2032/33 (Appendix B) in relation to a number of further Prudential Indicators and the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy Statement which Full Cabinet, at its meeting on the 9th February 2023 will be asked to recommend to Full Council for approval.

8. **DRAFT WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY** (Pages 77 - 86)

To inform the Audit Committee of the proposed new Whistleblowing Policy, for comment and endorsement.

9. **MONITORING REPORT – INTERNAL AUDIT** (Pages 87 - 98)

1.1 To inform the Audit Committee of work undertaken by Internal Audit as at 9th January 2023.

1.2 This report sets out the audit reviews undertaken and summarises the results of Internal Audit, Counter Fraud, Corporate Investigations and other related activity.

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

That the press and public be now excluded from the remainder of the business to be transacted, on the grounds that there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

11. **PRIVATE MINUTES** (Pages 99 - 100)

To receive the private minutes of the last meeting.