

# Cabinet

**Thursday 9 February 2023 at 6.00pm**

**Civic Suite – Committee Room 1**

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(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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Date Thursday 2 February 2023

**CABINET - Thursday 9 February 2023**

**AGENDA**

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

**'May I remind everyone present that this meeting will be broadcast live via the internet and the record will be archived for future viewing.'**

**1. APOLOGIES**

**2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

To receive declarations of interest from Members.

**3. QUESTIONS AND DEPUTATIONS**

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

**4. MINUTES (Pages 5 - 10)**

To receive for information only the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 January 2023.

**5. COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT FUND 2023/24 (Pages 11 - 26)**

The purpose of this report is to provide Cabinet with details of the Council Tax Support Fund for 2023/24 and to present a policy for approval.

**6. COUNCIL TAX PREMIUMS FOR EMPTY PROPERTIES AND SECOND HOMES (Pages 27 - 34)**

The purpose of this report is to provide details of the council tax premiums for empty properties and second homes with effect from 1 April 2024 onwards.

7. **BUSINESS RATES RELIEF 2023/24** (Pages 35 - 60)

The purpose of this report is to provide Cabinet with details of two new national non-domestic rates relief schemes for 2023/24 and to present policies for approval.

8. **HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT ESTIMATES AND RENT INCREASES 2023/24** (Pages 61 - 80)

To consider the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budget estimates for 2023/24, the Management Fee payable to Solihull Community Housing (SCH) and the proposed changes in dwelling and garage rents and leaseholder management fees for 2023/24.

9. **MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY PERIOD 9 UPDATE REPORT (TO 31 DECEMBER 2022)** (Pages 81 - 96)

This report is to update Full Cabinet on how the Council is performing against the approved 2022/23 – 2024/25 Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) in the current financial year alongside setting out any new challenges that are emerging for the revised MTFS for 2023/24 – 2025/26.

10. **BUDGET AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2023/24 TO 2025/26** (Pages 97 - 224)

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the budget position for 2023/24 and subsequent years and to seek recommendations on the budget for Full Council. The report also includes an updated Medium Term Financial Strategy and Capital Strategy, which members are asked to consider and recommend to Full Council for approval.

11. **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

12. **PRIVATE MINUTES** (Pages 225 - 226)

To receive for information only the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 January 2023.

13. **ARDEN CROSS MULTI STOREY CAR PARK BUSINESS CASE AND LAND TRANSACTIONS** (Pages 227 - 234)

The purpose of the report is to update Cabinet on the timescale for the decision to be taken by the Department of Transport on the proposed Multi Storey Car Park at the HS2 Interchange Station site.