

Council

Tuesday 5 July 2022 at 5.30 pm

Council Chamber - 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 28 June 2022

COUNCIL - Tuesday 5 July 2022

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES.**

2. **COUNCIL MINUTES** (Pages 9 - 24)

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

3. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR CONFLICTING INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS**

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

4. **PETITIONS (5.35PM)**

To receive petitions from Members of the Council.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS (5:40PM)**

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 (5:45PM)**

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) (6:15PM)**

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 (6.45PM)**

To consider a motion which has been submitted, which is detailed below:

From Cllr L McCarthy to be seconded by Cllr Thomas

This Council notes that:

- On 1 April 2022, Ofgem increased the energy price cap by 54 per cent.
- In light of the increased energy price cap, the average standard tariff energy bill will increase by £693 per year. The average pre-pay meter energy bill will increase by £708 per year (Ofgem, 2022).
- On 6 April 2022, the Government increased National Insurance by 1.25 percentage points, which is projected to cost the average family in Solihull an additional £600 a year.
- In 2021/22 Solihull Foodbanks distributed 2,201 food parcels (Trussell Trust, 2022)
- Council notes the decision taken in June 2022 to impose a 'Windfall Tax' on the super-profits of oil and gas companies and to redistribute this as a one-off payment of £400 to households later this year. Council notes that the Windfall Tax was first proposed by Sir Ed Davey MP, leader of the Liberal Democrats, in May 2022. Though the Windfall Tax is welcome, Council believes it does not go nearly far enough and the Government should be doing much more to support local people through the Cost of Living crisis.

This Council therefore declares a 'Cost of Living Emergency' and calls on the Government to:

- (i) Immediately reduce the standard rate of VAT from 20 per cent to 17.5 per cent for one year, saving the average household in Solihull a further £600 this year;
- (ii) Immediately restore the Universal Credit supplement of £20, which was cancelled by the Government in September 2021;
- (iii) Council instructs the Leader to write to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions to express the Council's demands for VAT to be cut to 17.5%, for the re-introduction of the pensions triple-lock and for the £20 Universal Credit supplement to be restored; and
- (iv) Finally, Council calls for a local Cost-of-Living Emergency Summit, with stakeholders, including Citizens Advice, Food Banks, Local Trades Unions, and Chambers of Commerce and will invite local MPs to attend this hybrid meeting.

10. **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES (7:00PM)**

To deal with a number of recommendations from Committees.

Audit Committee 20 June 2022

Minute 9 Treasury Management Outturn Report 2021/22 (pages 182-183)

RECOMMENDED:

That Council approves the Treasury Management Outturn Report 2021/22, attached at Appendix A to the report.

Governance Committee 23 June 2022

Minute 9 Appointment of Honorary Alderman (page 198-199)

RECOMMENDED:

1. That the nomination relating to Mr Stuart Davis be accepted, and
2. A Special meeting of the Council be convened immediately prior to the scheduled meeting on 11th October 2022 to confer on Mr Davis the title of Honorary Alderman of the Borough of Solihull.

11. **REPORTS FROM CABINET (7:10PM)** (Pages 25 - 82)

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 25-33)
- b) Deputy Leader of the Council and Lead Member for Partnerships and Wellbeing including Solihull Health and Wellbeing Board minutes (pages 35-49)
- c) Cabinet Member for Resources (pages 51-56)*
- d) Cabinet Member for Communities and Leisure (pages 57-61)*
- e) Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Planning and Housing (pages 63-66)*
- f) Cabinet Member for Children and Education (pages 67-68)*
- g) Cabinet Member for Environment and Infrastructure (pages 69-75)
- h) Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health (pages 77-81)

(*Decision tables from these meetings which are held after the minute book has been published, will be circulated separately.)

12. **MINUTES OF SCRUTINY BOARDS (7:40PM)** (Pages 83 - 178)

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

- a) Resources and Delivering Value (pages 83-103)
- b) Children's Services, Education and Skills (pages 105-129)
- c) Stronger Communities and Neighbourhood Services (pages 131-144)
- d) Health and Adult Social Care (pages 145-159)
- e) Economic Development and Managed Growth (pages 161-178)

13. **MINUTES OF COMMITTEES (7:40PM)** (Pages 179 - 200)

The minutes of the following Committees are presented for information:

- a) Audit Committee (pages 179-195)
- b) Governance Committee (pages 197-199)

14. **QUESTIONS BY LEADERS OF POLITICAL GROUPS UNDER SO5 (2) (T)**
(7:45PM)

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.

15. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORTS (7:50PM)** (Pages 201 - 206)

To receive the following report from the Chief Executive:

- a) Appointment of Director of Children's Services (pages 201-202)
To seek Council approval to designate an officer as the statutory Director of Children's Services.
- b) Council Appointment – University Hospital Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust (pages 203-205)
Council is asked to appoint one member as a stakeholder governor to the Council of Governors of the University Hospital Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust

16. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE URGENT MATTERS (7:55PM)**

The Chief Executive to report on any urgent matters.

17. **QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 8**

To answer any remaining questions not dealt with under item 7.

18. **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.

19. **REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES AND DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE** (Pages 207 - 210)

To receive a report from the Director of Resources and Deputy Chief Executive:

- a) Treasury Management Investment Strategy – Loan Agreement

20. **PRIVATE MINUTES** (Pages 211 - 214)

To receive the following private minutes for information:

- a) Resources and Delivering Value Scrutiny Board