

SOLIHULL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Council

Thursday 23 February 2023 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.

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AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES.**

2. **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)

3. **PETITIONS**

To receive petitions from Members of the Council.

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To receive any announcements from the Mayor, Leader of the Council or Members of the Cabinet.

5. **QUESTIONS AND DEPUTATIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 9 AND 12**

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.

6. **QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 8 (30 MINUTES)**

To answer questions asked under Standing Order 8 by Councillors **(30 Minutes)**

7. **COUNCIL TOPIC OF DEBATE**

To deal with any Topic of Debate submitted.

8. **NOTICE OF MOTION**

To deal with any motions received.

9. **LEADERS REPORT- COUNCIL TAX PREMIUMS FOR EMPTY PROPERTIES AND SECOND HOMES** (Pages 7 - 14)

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

10. **BUDGET FRAMEWORK, MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY (2023/24-2025/26) AND THE CORPORATE CAPITAL STRATEGY (2023/24-2032/33)** (Pages 15 - 158)

a) To receive the recommendations of Cabinet and approve the Council Budget for 2023/2024, the Medium Term Financial Strategy and the Corporate Capital Strategy, including the Council's strategy on the flexible use of capital receipts and the annual MRP Statement, and the proposed carbon budget set out in:

- (i) The Leaders Report to the Cabinet meeting on 9 February 2023 (pages 15-22)
- (ii) The Cabinet minutes from 9 February 2023 (pages 23-24)
- (iii) The Cabinet report from 9 February 2023 on the Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2023/24 – 2025/26 (pages 25-152)

(For reference the **recommendation** from Cabinet reads:

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2023/24 – 2025/26, as updated in the Leaders report, and the Capital Strategy (incorporating the Council's strategy on the flexible use of capital receipts and the annual Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement) be **recommended** for approval by Full Council;
- (ii) That the fees and charges proposed within each portfolio (Appendix F of the report of the Acting Chief Executive) be **recommended** for approval by Full Council;
- (iii) That the Council's carbon budget, as outlined at paragraph 3.36 and detailed in Appendix G of the report of the Acting Chief Executive, be **recommended** for approval by Full Council;
- (iv) That an increase of 2.99% in the level of general council tax in 2023/24 (to £1,388.02 at Band D), be **recommended** to Full Council for approval;
- (v) That an increase of 2.00% in the level of the social care precept in 2023/24 (to £204.72 at Band D), be **recommended** to Full Council for approval; and
- (vi) That a budget for 2023/24 of £199.250 million funded by total Band D council tax of £1,592.74, be **recommended** to Full Council for approval.)

(b) To calculate the sums required for the purposes of sections 31A, 31B and 34-36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and to set the Council Tax for 2023/24 in accordance with section 30 of the same Act. (pages 153-157)

A named vote will be held in relation to (a) and (b) above and on any proposed Amendments