

**CPH Resources Decision Making
Session – Virtual Meeting**

Thursday 10 November 2022 at 4.00 pm

Virtual Meeting

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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CPH RESOURCES DECISION SESSION - Thursday 10 November 2022

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES**
2. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR CONFLICTING INTEREST 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. **QUESTIONS AND DEPUTATIONS**
4. **HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE TARIFF – REVIEW FOR CONSULTATION**
(Pages 7 - 34)

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval to consult on a request from the hackney carriage trade to increase the maximum chargeable fares payable by the travelling public for hackney carriage journeys, subject to statutory consultation with the public.

1.2 The setting of fares is a power afforded to the Council and it is the Council's responsibility to strike a balance between setting a fare that is acceptable to both the customer and to the hackney carriage driver. Decision making on this matter is a Cabinet responsibility.

1.3 A proposal has been received from the RMT Union, who represent a number of licensed hackney carriage drivers in Solihull, asking for an increase in fares, which is attached at Appendix A. This is the proposal that approval to undertake statutory consultation is being sought for.

1.4 Following the consultation, a report will be brought back to the Cabinet Member for a decision as to whether to adopt the proposal.

5. APPLICATIONS FOR DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF (Pages 35 - 46)

1.1 To consider the applications for discretionary rate relief as detailed in the appendices attached to this report.

1.2 Discretionary rate relief is available to support charities and not for profit organisations that are liable for business rates. Charities are eligible for 80% mandatory relief so a maximum of 20% discretionary rate relief can be considered. Not for profit organisations are not eligible for mandatory relief so up to 100% discretionary rate relief can be considered.

6. ICT CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE (Pages 47 - 56)

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Cabinet Member for Resources on the current status of the Capital ICT Projects Programme.

1.2 The first phase of the Oracle cloud programme is live and Officers expect that Oracle Phase 2 (HR and Payroll) will be live in February 2023. All of the other projects in the ICT Capital Programme are progressing well and to plan. Updates for specific projects are highlighted below in the main report.

1.3 Officers have no further recommendations for investment opportunities at this time.

7. SMBC AND SCH DIGITAL STRATEGY 2022-27 (Pages 57 - 98)

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Cabinet Member and seek approval on the SMBC and SCH Digital Strategy 2022-2027.

1.2 The current Digital Strategy was written in 2017 and set out the vision and objectives for the Council through until 2022. The Strategy has provided clear direction by focusing on the Digital Citizen, Organisation and Community/Solihull.

1.3 The Strategy is updated annually with a full review every five years. This report provides an update on that five-year review and the revised Digital Strategy for approval.

1.4 After reviewing the existing strategy, much of it was still relevant and was kept with minor changes and additions. The core vision for the SMBC and the major thematic areas were retained with minor amendments, as well as the digital objectives, links to wider priorities, and strategic narrative.

1.5 An emphasis on staff and skills has been included in the new strategy, with a focus on how we develop staff to help ensure that they are enabled to work digitally.

8. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC & 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.

9. **EXTENSION OF LEASE AT GATEWAY PARK BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT**
(Pages 99 - 152)

To seek approval to a request from the tenant to extend their lease term to facilitate investment into a new development at the estate.