

SOLIHULL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Resources & Delivering Value  
Scrutiny Board**

Monday, 7 November 2022 at 6.00 pm

Civic Suite, Solihull

## 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.

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BOROUGH COUNCIL

To:  
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(Vice-Chairman), A Adeyemo, M Allen,  
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Date: Friday, 28 October 2022

**RESOURCES & DELIVERING VALUE SCRUTINY BOARD**

**Monday, 7 November 2022**

**AGENDA**

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**
3. **QUESTIONS AND DEPUTATIONS**
4. **MINUTES** (Pages 5 - 12)

To consider for approval the draft Minutes arising from the Resources and Delivering Value Scrutiny Board meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022.

5. **COUNCIL MEETING 11 OCTOBER 2022: MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR S CAUDWELL**

At the Council Meeting held on 11 October 2022, the following Motion was proposed by Councillor S Caudwell and seconded by Councillor M McLoughlin:

“The Council acknowledges the challenges many residents may face with rising energy bills. We do not accept that fuel poverty should endanger any lives of Solihull residents. The Council stands ready to support, within our means, any residents struggling to stay warm this winter. In supporting residents, we will account for the safety and dignity of those impacted, and any employees supporting these efforts. Whilst we recognise the pressures on Local Government finances, we accept that we have a responsibility to coordinate and deliver additional support to those in greatest need.

This Council:

- a. Agrees that no resident of our Borough should be unable to stay warm this winter.
- b. Notes the well-documented relationship between fuel poverty and adverse health outcomes; and
- c. Acknowledges the steps taken by similar Councils throughout the country to make public buildings and partner facilities available to their residents, to provide safe shelter this winter.

This Council therefore resolves to:

- d. Direct the Chief Executive to provide officer and infrastructure support as necessary to ensure the warmth and safety of our residents this winter; and
- e. Provide updates on progress through the Stronger Communities and Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Board and the Cabinet.”

Council resolved to refer this Motion to the Resources and Delivering Value Scrutiny Board for consideration.

The Motion is addressed in detail via the report ‘Solihull’s Response to the Cost of Living Pressure’ comprising Item 6 of this Agenda.

6. **SOLIHULL'S RESPONSE TO THE COST OF LIVING PRESSURE** (Pages 13 - 30)

The purpose of this report is to update members of the Resources and Delivering Value Scrutiny Board on Solihull’s response to the cost of living pressures. This follows a motion to Full Council on the 11 October 2022.

7. **ANNUAL COMPLAINTS REPORTS - 2021/2022** (Pages 31 - 122)

To present to the Board an overview of both Corporate and Statutory complaints and compliments activity for 2021/2022.