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SOLIHULL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Stronger Communities and  
Neighbourhood Services  
Scrutiny Board  
Supplement**

Wednesday 16 November 2022 at 6.00 pm

Council Chamber - Civic Suite

## 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.

SOLIHULL METROPOLITAN  
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**STRONGER COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES  
SCRUTINY BOARD - Wednesday 16 November 2022**

**SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA/ PAPERS**

**5. PROCESS FOR ALLOCATING FUNDS FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD  
COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (NCIL) (Pages 5 - 6)**

Update noted to support the above report.

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**Meeting date:** 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**Report to:** Stronger Communities and Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Board

**Report title:** Process for Allocating Funds from the Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) – Update Note

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## 1. Purpose of Note

1.1 This update note provides a summary of responses from Members who were invited to consider and comment on the report if they wished to do so.

## 2. Summary of Comments Received

2.1 The following comments have been received:

Councillor R Grinsell:

2.2 **Not support creation of a non-ward specific ward fund to detriment of host ward.** However, if top slice is to be introduced should be maximum of 10%.

2.3 Commercial organisations<sup>1</sup> (inc. private members clubs) should not be allowed to bid for NCIL funds.

2.4 More assistance should be given to smaller community groups to access NCIL funds. Larger organisations sometimes employ professional fundraisers which is to detriment of smaller groups.

2.5 Ward Members should have greater involvement in decision making process – in the past some comments have been overlooked/ignored.

2.6 NCIL funding should operate more frequently, at least on a biannual basis. This would assist smaller groups.

Councillor Meeson:

2.7 Areas where a neighbourhood plan has been approved should be treated equally, whether parished or not.

2.8 Agree that urban areas often have shared impact from development and shared benefit from local schemes, especially Shirley & Lyndon/Elmdon/Olton. Town centre schemes can have wider impact/benefit, depending on size of centre.

2.9 **Preference is for option 4B** as this recognises the different accountabilities of rural

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<sup>1</sup> Not including schools and religious organisations who would be allowed to bid for funds.

areas, which are parished (with exception of KDBH which has an approved forum).

- 2.10 Notes North Solihull is excluded from CIL for reasons given, but this may need to be revisited in light of developments around UK Central/HS2.

Councillor Pinwell (on behalf of all Knowle Members):

- 2.11 No justification for equal distribution approach under option 2, 4A, 4B, 5A or 5B. Purpose of CIL is to provide infrastructure in areas affected by development and funds should be retained in communities for which it is collected.
- 2.12 Unspent CIL should be carried forward in the same ward to allow a larger pot to be built up.
- 2.13 Argument that unfair to wards with little of no CIL holds no weight due to abilities of communities to raise funds from multiple sources. Examples provided by Three Trees Community Centre, Cars Area Smith Wood and Meriden Adventure Playground show what can be achieved.
- 2.14 Justification for mutually agreed arrangements between adjacent wards in contiguous communities.
- 2.15 In Knowle & Dorridge there is a strong case for some controlled pooling of funds where in agreed common interest of the communities. This would be where the Knowle Society and DDRA agree with the KDBH Neighbourhood Forum that a proposed project and NCIL bid based on pooled funding is in the mutual interest of the communities of this conurbation and support has also been gained by an open meeting of the Forum.
- 2.16 Option 3 – Strategic CIL should be retained for strategic project, but important communities have a voice on how it is used and an opportunity to promote larger scale projects.
- 2.17 **Option 1 is favoured**, with some added ability for cross boundary pooling (under agreed consultative process)