

## **Council**

**Tuesday 8 February 2022 at 5.30 pm**

### **Civic Suite – Council Chamber**

#### **COVID SAFETY PRECAUTIONS IN THE 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) <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  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Date Tuesday 1 February 2022

**COUNCIL - Tuesday 8 February 2022**

**AGENDA**

1. **APOLOGIES.**

2. **COUNCIL MINUTES (5.35PM)** (Pages 9 - 22)

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

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 (5.40PM)**

To receive petitions from Members of the Council.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS (5.45PM)**

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 (6.00PM)**

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) (6.30PM)**

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 (7.00PM)**

To consider two Motions which have been submitted.

**First Motion from Cllr Gibbin:**

“On the 15 July 2021 Robert Cleverley sadly died as a result of a road traffic collision on the Warwick Road in Olton, Solihull.

At the time of the accident Robert was driving a quad bike legally on the road, but unfortunately was not wearing a helmet. He suffered catastrophic head injuries and as a result of those injuries died at the scene.

It is estimated that approximately 4 people a year die as a result of head injuries on roads in England whilst driving a quad bike and being involved in a road traffic accident. This obviously does not take into account those who suffer a head injury but survive.

Currently it is legal within England to drive on a public road on a quad bike without an approved helmet, although the Highway Code recommends that you do.

As such this Council formally Resolves the following:

*“Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council formally resolves to petition the Secretary of State for Transport to introduce legislation pertaining to England and Wales that requires the driver of a quad bike on a public road/place within England to wear an approved helmet with an appropriate penalty for those who do not do so.”*

**Second Motion from Cllr Laura McCarthy:**

“Council Resolves to:

- (i) Recognises the vital role that police officers play in reducing crime, the impact of technology on types of crime, as well as prevention and detection and the need for the police to be accessible to the public.
- (ii) Acknowledges the need for a properly staffed police station in Solihull Town Centre.
- (iii) Recognises the impact that insufficient central government funding has had on Solihull, leading to our current police station being 80% vacant and a decision to close it by the WMPCC.

- (iv) Affirms its intention to work cooperatively with the WMPCC to agree a police station which can serve Solihull well into the future in Solihull Town Centre with modern facilities to enable the continuation of a customer facing police service in Solihull town centre and to add this new police facility/station to the Town Centre Master plan.”

10. **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE (7.30PM)**

To deal with a recommendation from Audit Committee.

**Audit Committee 4 January 2022 (page 126)**  
**Minute 6 Treasury Management Strategy 2022/23 to 2031/32**

**RESOLVED**

The Committee **recommended** that Full Council approves:-  
The Treasury Management Strategy 2022/23 – 2031/32 including the Debt and Investment Strategy, and Treasury and Prudential Indicators contained within and specifically:

- The Authorised Limit Prudential Indicator detailed within paragraph 3.2.2 (Appendix A);
- The further Prudential Indicators for 2021/22 – 2031/32 contained within the extract from the Corporate Capital Strategy 2022/23 – 2031/32 (Appendix B); and
- The Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement contained within the extract from the Corporate Capital Strategy 2022/23 – 2031/32 (Appendix B).

11. **REPORTS FROM CABINET (7.35PM)** (Pages 23 - 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 23-29)
- b) Deputy Leader of the Council and Lead Member for Partnership and Wellbeing including \*Solihull Health and Wellbeing Board minutes (\* to follow) (pages 31-34)
- c) Cabinet Member for Resources (pages 35-41)
- d) Cabinet Member for Stronger and Safer Communities (pages 43-51)
- e) Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Planning and Housing (pages 53-57)
- f) Cabinet Member for Children Education and Skills (pages 59-63)
- g) Cabinet Member for Environment and Infrastructure (pages 65-71)
- h) Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health (pages 73-77)

i) Cabinet Member for Leisure Tourism and Sport (pages 79-81)

12. **MINUTES OF SCRUTINY BOARDS (8.05PM)** (Pages 83 - 118)

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

- a) Resources and Delivering Value (pages 83-88)
- b) Stronger Communities and Neighbourhood Services (pages 89-99)
- c) Children's Services, Education and Skills (pages 101-108)
- d) Economic Development and Managed Growth (pages 109-113)
- e) Health and Adult Social Care (pages 115-118)

13. **MINUTES OF COMMITTEES (8.05PM)** (Pages 119 - 158)

The minutes of the following Committees are presented for information:

- a) HS2 Implementation Advisory Group (pages 119-123)
- b) Audit Committee (pages 125-156)
- c) Governance Committee (page 157)

14. **JOINT ARRANGEMENTS AND EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (8.15PM)**  
(Pages 159 - 168)

To receive the following reports:

- a) Minutes of the WMCA Overview and Scrutiny Minutes

15. **QUESTIONS BY LEADERS OF POLITICAL GROUPS UNDER SO5 (2) (T)**  
**(8.20PM)**

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.

16. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORTS AND DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES AND DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT (8.25PM)** (Pages 169 - 202)

To receive the following reports from the Chief Executive:

- a) Leader's Scheme of Delegation to Officers ( for Information) (page 169)
- b) Council Appointment – West Midlands Combined Authority Transport Scrutiny Sub-Committee (pages 171-174 )

c) Appointment of Independent Member of Audit Committee (pages 175-176)

d) Pay Policy Statement 2022 (pages 177-201)

17. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE URGENT MATTERS (8.35PM)**

The Chief Executive to report on any urgent matters.

18. **QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 8**

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

19. **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.

20. **MINUTES** (Pages 203 - 208)

To receive:

a) For approval as a correct record the Minutes of the previous Council meeting; (page 203)

b) For information the private minutes of the Resources and Delivering Value Scrutiny Board (pages 205-206)

c) For information the private minutes the Audit Committee (pages 207)