

## Council

Tuesday 11 October 2022 at 6.00 pm

Civic Suite – Council Chamber

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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.

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**COUNCIL - Tuesday 11 October 2022**

**AGENDA**

1. **APOLOGIES.**

2. **COUNCIL MINUTES** (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 (6.05PM)**

To receive petitions from Members of the Council.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS (6.10PM)**

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 (6.20PM)**

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 (6.50PM)**

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 (7.20PM)**

To receive two motions as detailed below: -

**Motion one is from Cllr Karen Grinsell and reads:**

“This Council welcomes the Prime Minister’s announcement on the unit cost limit on domestic gas and electricity prices for the next two years, which is predicted to reduce the average cost to households by one thousand pounds.

This Council also welcomes the equivalent limits on the costs to business for the next six months while reform to the energy market is considered.

This Council is committed to continue working on behalf of the people and businesses of Solihull to develop ways in which we can support them with advice and practical support through these difficult times, as it has before and throughout the Covid pandemic, and up to the present day.

This Council welcomes and supports government measures to stimulate the economy and especially the proposal for an investment zone for the area around the HS2 Interchange station enabling homes, jobs, and business in a sustainable location

The leadership of this Council will work with our regional partners and the West Midlands Mayor to request further devolved funds, once again demonstrating that we are best placed to support our people and help our economy to grow.”

**Motion two is from Cllr Caudwell and reads:**

“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.”

**10. RECOMMENDATION FROM CABINET (7.50PM)**

To receive the following recommendation from Cabinet:

- (a) Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2023/2024 (to follow pending Cabinet decision on 6 October 2022.)

**11. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES (7.55PM)**

To receive the following recommendations from Committees:-

**Audit Committee 26 September 2022**

**Minute 6 2022/2023 Mid-Year Treasury Management Strategy Review** (page 177)

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council approves the revised forecasts for the 2022/23 Capital Financing Requirement of £490.060 million, Authorised Limit of £510.194 million and to note the Operational Boundary and treasury activity to date.

**Governance Committee 29 September 2022**

**Minute 7 Calendar of Meetings 2023/24** (page 86)

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Calendar of meetings for 2023/2024 be approved.

**12. REPORTS FROM CABINET (8.00PM) (Pages 23 - 96)**

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 23-28)

b) Deputy Leader of the Council and Lead Member for Partnerships and Wellbeing including Solihull Health and Wellbeing Board minutes. (The minutes of 27.09 will follow) (pages 29-43)

c) Cabinet Member for Resources (pages 45-49)

d) Cabinet Member for Communities and Leisure (pages 51-62)

- e) Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Planning and Housing (pages 63-71)
- f) Cabinet Member for Children and Education (pages 73-77)
- g) Cabinet Member for Environment and Infrastructure (pages 79-85)
- h) Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health (pages 87-95)

13. **MINUTES OF SCRUTINY BOARDS (8.30PM)** (Pages 97 - 164)

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

- a) Resources and Delivering Value (pages 97-108)
- b) Health and Adult Social Care (pages 109-128)
- c) Children's Services, Education and Skills (pages 129-140)
- d) Economic Development and Managed Growth (pages 141-155)
- e) Stronger Communities and Neighbourhood Services (pages 157-163)

14. **MINUTES OF COMMITTEES (8.30PM)** (Pages 165 - 192)

The minutes of the following Committees are presented for information:

- a) Remuneration Committee (pages 165-167)
- b) HS2 Implementation Advisory Group (pages 169-170)
- c) Audit Committee (pages 171-179)
- d) Governance Committee (pages 181-186)

15. **JOINT ARRANGEMENTS AND EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (8.35PM)**  
(Pages 193 - 228)

To receive the following reports:

- a) WMCA Overview and Scrutiny 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Report and the WMCA Overview and Scrutiny Minutes (pages )

16. **QUESTIONS BY LEADERS OF POLITICAL GROUPS UNDER SO5 (2) (T)**  
**(8.40PM)**

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.

17. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE URGENT MATTERS**

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. **PRIVATE MINUTES (8.50PM)** (Pages 229 - 240)

The minutes of the following Boards are presented for information:

- a) Resources and Delivering Value Scrutiny Board (pages 229-235)
- b) Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board (pages 237-238)
- c) Audit Committee (pages 239- 240)