

## Part 2

### Interests

#### **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (“DPI”)**

9. (1) You will have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (“DPI”) under this Code if:-
- (a) such interest meets the definition prescribed by Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 as amended from time to time and set out in Appendix 2 to this Code; and
  - (b) it is either an interest of yourself; or it is an interest of :-
    - (i) your spouse or civil partner; or
    - (ii) a person with whom you are living as husband and wife: or
    - (iii) a person with whom you are living as if you were civil partners;
- And you are aware that the other person has the interest.

#### **Registration of DPIs**

10. (1) You must within 28 days of becoming a member of the authority or being re-elected notify the Monitoring Officer in writing of any DPI which you hold at the time notification is given
- (2) You must within 28 days of becoming aware of any new DPI, or changes to existing DPIs notify the Monitoring Officer in writing.

#### **Other Disclosable Interests**

11. (1) You will have a Disclosable Interest in any matter if you are aware that you or a member of your family or person or organisation with whom you are associated have:-
- (a) a pecuniary interest in the matter under discussion which is not de minimis; or
  - (b) a close connection with the matter under discussion.
- (2) If you are a member of another local authority, or public body, or you have been appointed as the Council’s representative on an outside body, you do not have a Disclosable Interest unless a member of the public knowing the circumstances would reasonably regard membership of the body concerned as being likely to prejudice your judgment of what is in the public interest.

#### **Disclosure of Interests**

##### DPIs: formal meetings

12. (1) If you are present at a meeting of the Council and you have a DPI then you must:
- (a) Disclose the nature and existence of the interest; and

- (b) Leave the meeting (including the meeting room and public gallery) and take no part in the discussion ; and
- (c) If the interest has not already been recorded notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days beginning with the date of the meeting.

#### DPIs: informal meetings

- (2) If you have a DPI you must not participate in informal meetings or briefings and site visits and must disclose the DPI in any correspondence with the Council.

#### Other Disclosable Interests

- (3) If you are present at a meeting of the Council and you have an Other Disclosable Interest then you must:
  - (a) Disclose the nature and existence of the interest; and
  - (b) If the interest;
    - a. affects your pecuniary interests or relates to the determination of a planning or regulatory matter; and
    - b. is one which a member of the public knowing the circumstances would reasonably regard as being likely to prejudice your judgment of what is in the public interest

then you must leave the meeting (including the meeting room and public gallery) and take no part in the discussion.

#### Dispensations

- (4) You may take part in the discussion of and vote on a matter in which you have a been granted a dispensation.

#### **Sensitive Information**

- 13.** (1) An interest will be a sensitive interest if the two following conditions apply:
- (a) That you have an interest (whether or not a DPI); and
  - (b) the nature of the interest is such that you and the Monitoring Officer consider that disclosure of the details of the interest could lead to you or a person connected to you being subject to violence or intimidation.
- (2) Where it is decided that an interest is a “sensitive interest ” it will be excluded from published versions of the register. The Monitoring Officer may state on the register that the member has an interest the details of which are excluded under this section.
- (3) Where the sensitive interest is a DPI the usual rules relating to disclosure will apply save that the member will only be required to disclose that they hold a DPI in the matter concerned.