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Monday, 3 November 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

A meeting of the Licensing and Appeals Committee will be held on Tuesday, 11 November 2025 in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Foster Avenue, Beeston, Nottingham, NG9 1AB, commencing at 10.00 am.

Should you require advice on declaring an interest in any item on the agenda, please contact the Monitoring Officer at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,

Zulfigar Darr

Interim Chief Executive

To Councillors: S Webb (Chair) H Land

R Bullock (Vice-Chair)

B C Carr

A Cooper

S P Jeremiah

S Kerry

D D Pringle
C M Tideswell
K Woodhead
E Williamson
E Winfield

<u>A G E N D A</u>

Apologies

To receive apologies and to be notified of the attendance of substitutes.

2. <u>Declarations of Interest</u>

(Pages 3 - 10)

Members are requested to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interest and/or other interest in any item on the agenda.

3. <u>Minutes</u> (Pages 11 - 12)

The Committee is asked to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2025.

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4. <u>EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS</u>

The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that, under Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

5. <u>Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976</u> (Pages 13 - 40) <u>Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's License</u>

Report of the Monitoring Officer

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1. Purpose of Report

Members are requested to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interest and/or other interest in any item on the agenda. The following information is extracted from the Code of Conduct, in addition to advice from the Monitoring Officer which will assist Members to consider any declarations of interest.

<u>Part 2 – Member Code of Conduct</u> <u>General Obligations:</u>

10. Interest

10.1 You will register and disclose your interests in accordance with the provisions set out in Appendix A.

Section 29 of the Localism Act 2011 requires the Monitoring Officer to establish and maintain a register of interests of Members of the Council. The register is publically available and protects you by demonstrating openness and willingness to be held accountable. You are personally responsible for deciding whether or not you should disclose an interest in a meeting which allows the public, Council employees and fellow Councillors know which of your interests gives rise to a conflict of interest. If in doubt you should always seek advice from your Monitoring Officer.

You should note that failure to register or disclose a disclosable pecuniary interest as defined in Appendix A of the Code of Conduct, is a criminal offence under the Localism Act 2011.

Advice from the Monitoring Officer:

On reading the agenda it is advised that you:

- Consider whether you have any form of interest to declare as set out in the Code of Conduct.
- 2. Consider whether you have a declaration of any bias or predetermination to make as set out at the end of this document
- 3. Update Democratic Services and the Monitoring Officer and or Deputy Monitoring Officers of any declarations you have to make ahead of the meeting and take advice as required.
- 4. Use the Member Interest flowchart to consider whether you have an interest to declare and what action to take.
- 5. Update the Chair at the meeting of any interest declarations as follows:

^{&#}x27;I have an interest in Item xx of the agenda'

'The nature of my interest is therefore the type of interest is DPI/ORI/NRI/BIAS/PREDETEMINATION 'The action I will take is...'

This will help Officer record a more accurate record of the interest being declared and the actions taken. You will also be able to consider whether it is necessary to send a substitute Members in your place and to provide Democratic Services with notice of your substitute Members name.

Note: If at the meeting you recognise one of the speakers and only then become aware of an interest you should declare your interest and take any necessary action

6. Update your Member Interest Register of any registerable interests within 28days of becoming aware of the Interest.

Ask yourself do you have any of the following interest to declare?

1. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS (DPIs)

A "Disclosable Pecuniary Interest" is any interest described as such in the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 and includes an interest of yourself, or of your Spouse/Partner (if you are aware of your Partner's interest) that falls within the following categories: Employment, Trade, Profession, Sponsorship, Contracts, Land, Licences, Tenancies and Securities.

2. OTHER REGISTERABLE INTERESTS (ORIs)

An "Other Registerable Interest" is a personal interest in any business of your authority which relates to or is likely to affect:

- a) any body of which you are in general control or management and to which you are nominated or appointed by your authority; or
- b) any body
- (i) exercising functions of a public nature
- (ii) anybody directed to charitable purposes or
- (iii) one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which you are a Member or in a position of general control or management.

3. NON-REGISTRABLE INTERESTS (NRIs)

"Non-Registrable Interests" are those that you are not required to register but need to be disclosed when a matter arises at a meeting which directly relates to your financial interest or wellbeing or a financial interest or wellbeing of a relative or close associate that is not a DPI.

A matter "directly relates" to one of your interests where the matter is directly about that interest. For example, the matter being discussed is an application about a particular property in which you or somebody associated with you has a financial interest.

A matter "affects" your interest where the matter is not directly about that interest but would still have clear implications for the interest. For example, the matter concerns a neighbouring property.

Declarations and Participation in Meetings

1. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS (DPIs)

1.1 Where a matter arises <u>at a meeting</u> which **directly relates** to one of your Disclosable Pecuniary Interests which include both the interests of yourself and your partner then:

Action to be taken

- you must disclose the nature of the interest at the commencement of that
 consideration, or when the interest becomes apparent, whether or not such interest is
 registered in the Council's register of interests of Member and Co-opted Members or for
 which you have made a pending notification. If it is a sensitive interest you do not have
 to disclose the nature of the interest, just that you have an interest
- you must not participate in any discussion of that particular business at the meeting, or if you become aware of a disclosable pecuniary interest during the meeting you must not participate further in any discussion of the business, including by speaking as a member of the public
- you must not participate in any vote or further vote taken on the matter at the meeting and
- you must withdraw from the room at this point to make clear to the public that you are not influencing the meeting in anyway and to protect you from the criminal sanctions that apply should you take part, unless you have been granted a Dispensation.

2. OTHER REGISTERABLE INTERESTS (ORIs)

- 2.1 Where a matter arises at a meeting which **directly relates** to the financial interest or wellbeing of one of your Other Registerable Interests i.e. relating to a body you may be involved in:
 - you must disclose the interest at the commencement of that consideration, or when the
 interest becomes apparent, whether or not such interest is registered in the Council's
 register of interests of Member and Co-opted Members or for which you have made a
 pending notification. If it is a sensitive interest you do not have to disclose the nature of
 the interest, just that you have an interest
 - you must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter, but may speak on the
 matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting
 - you must withdraw from the room unless you have been granted a Dispensation.

3. NON-REGISTRABLE INTERESTS (NRIs)

- 3.1 Where a matter arises at a meeting, which is not registrable but may become relevant when a particular item arises i.e. interests which relate to you and /or other people you are connected with (e.g. friends, relative or close associates) then:
 - you must disclose the interest; if it is a sensitive interest you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest, just that you have an interest
 - you must not take part in any discussion or vote, but may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting; and
 - you must withdraw from the room unless you have been granted a Dispensation.

Dispensation and Sensitive Interests

A "Dispensation" is agreement that you may continue to participate in the decision-making process notwithstanding your interest as detailed at section 12 of the Code of the Conduct and the Appendix.

A "Sensitive Interest" is as an interest which, if disclosed, could lead to the Member, or a person connected with the Member, being subject to violence or intimidation. In any case where this Code of Conduct requires to you to disclose an interest (subject to the agreement of the Monitoring Officer in accordance with paragraph 2.4 of this Appendix regarding registration of interests), you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest, if it is a Sensitive Interest in such circumstances you just have to disclose that you have a Sensitive Interest under S32(2) of the Localism Act 2011. You must update the Monitoring Officer when the interest is no longer sensitive, so that the interest can be recorded, made available for inspection and published.

BIAS and PREDETERMINATION

The following are not explicitly covered in the code of conduct but are important legal concepts to ensure that decisions are taken solely in the public interest and not to further any private interests.

The risk in both cases is that the decision maker does not approach the decision with an objective, open mind.

This makes the local authority's decision challengeable (and may also be a breach of the Code of Conduct by the Councillor).

Please seek advice from the Monitoring Officer or Deputy Monitoring Officers, if you need assistance ahead of the meeting.

BIAS

Holders of public office must act and take decisions impartially, fairly and on merit, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias. If you have been involved in an issue in such a manner or to such an extent that the public are likely to perceive you to be bias in your judgement of the public interest:

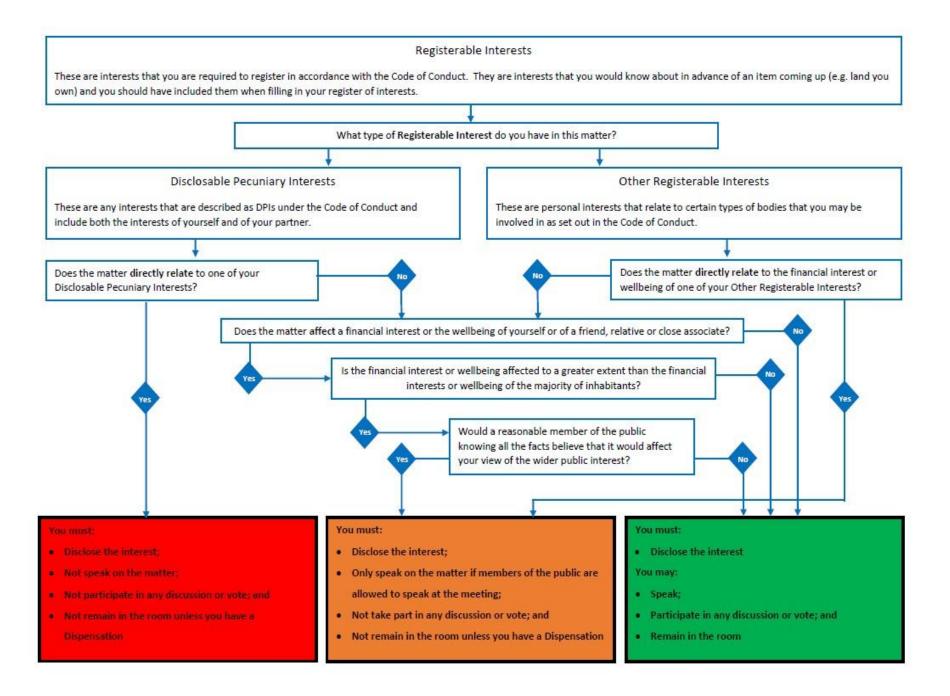
- a) you should not take part in the decision-making process
- b) you should state that your position in this matter prohibits you from taking part
- c) you should leave the room.

PREDETERMINATION

Where a decision maker has completely made up his/her mind before the decision is taken or that the public are likely to perceive you to be predetermined due to comments or statements you have made:

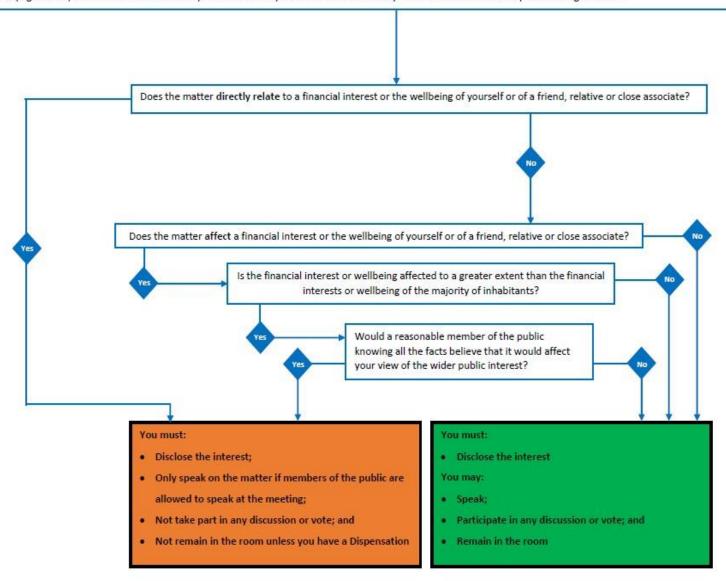
- a) you should not take part in the decision-making process
- b) you should state that your position in this matter prohibits you from taking part
- c) you should leave the room.





Non-Registerable Interests

These are interests that you are not required to register but may become relevant when a particular item arises. These are usually interests that relate to other people you are connected with (e.g. friends, relatives or close associates) but can include your own interests where you would not have been expected to register them.



TUESDAY, 14 JANUARY 2025

Present: Councillor R Bullock,

Councillors: S Webb (Vice-Chair)

B C Carr
T A Cullen
A Cooper
G S Hills
S P Jeremiah
D D Pringle
C M Tideswell
K Woodhead
E Winfield

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Kerry and H Land.

18 <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

There were no Declarations of Interest.

19 MINUTES

The minutes of the held on 12 November 2024 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

20 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that, under Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

21 <u>APPEAL AGAINST GRIEVA</u>NCE

RESOLVED that:

- 1. The decision regarding the probation be revoked.
- 2. Ground 3 for the appeal be amend due to the lack of support during the probation period.

22 APPEAL AGAINST DISMISSAL

RESOLVED that the original decision be upheld.



Agenda Item 5









