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OXFORD CITY COUNCIL

Standards Committee

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Place:	**Oxford Town Hall, St Aldate's, Oxford**

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Standards Committee

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	Councillor Gill Sanders	Local Authority Representative
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		Pages
1	**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**	
	The Constitution does not permit substitutions. Quorum for the Committee is 3 members; one of whom must be an Independent Member.	
2	**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**	
	Members serving on the Committee are asked to declare any personal or personal prejudicial interests they may have in any of the following agenda items.	
3	**HEARING OF COMPLAINT REFERENCE 703/4/32** To consider an investigation in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, and to conduct a Standards Committee Hearing.	1 - 52
4	**DATES AND TIMES OF FUTURE MEETINGS** 9 September 2011 2 December 2011 9 March 2012	

DECLARING INTERESTS

What is a personal interest?

You have a personal interest in a matter if that matter affects the well-being or financial position of you, your relatives or people with whom you have a close personal association more than it would affect the majority of other people in the ward(s) to which the matter relates.

A personal interest can affect you, your relatives or people with whom you have a close personal association positively or negatively. If you or they would stand to lose by the decision, you should also declare it.

You also have a personal interest in a matter if it relates to any interests, which you must register.

What do I need to do if I have a personal interest?

You must declare it when you get to the item on the agenda headed "Declarations of Interest" or as soon as it becomes apparent to you. You may still speak and vote unless it is a prejudicial interest.

If a matter affects a body to which you have been appointed by the authority, or a body exercising functions of a public nature, you only need declare the interest if you are going to speak on the matter.

What is a prejudicial interest?

You have a prejudicial interest in a matter if;

a) a member of the public, who knows the relevant facts, would reasonably think your personal interest is so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgment of the public interest; and

b) the matter affects your financial interests or relates to a licensing or regulatory matter; and

c) the interest does not fall within one of the exempt categories at paragraph 10(2)(c) of the Code of Conduct.

What do I need to do if I have a prejudicial interest?

If you have a prejudicial interest you must withdraw from the meeting. However, under paragraph 12(2) of the Code of Conduct, if members of the public are allowed to make representations, give evidence or answer questions about that matter, you may also make representations as if you were a member of the public. However, you must withdraw from the meeting once you have made your representations and before any debate starts.