

Agenda

Council


Summons

A meeting of the City Council will be held to transact the business set out below on

Date: **Monday 14 July 2025**

Time: **5.00 pm**

Place: **Council Chamber - Oxford Town Hall**



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Membership of Council

Councillors: Membership 48: Quorum 12.

Lord Mayor Councillor Louise Upton

Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Mike Rowley

Sheriff Councillor Andrew Gant

Members	Councillor Mohammed Altaf-Khan	Councillor Dr Max Morris
	Councillor Lubna Arshad	Councillor Lois Muddiman
	Councillor Mohammed Azad	Councillor Edward Mundy
	Councillor Susan Brown	Councillor Chewe Munkonge
	Councillor Nigel Chapman	Councillor Simon Ottino
	Councillor Mary Clarkson	Councillor Alex Powell
	Councillor Tiago Corais	Councillor Susanna Pressel
	Councillor Lizzy Diggins	Councillor Anna Railton
	Councillor Dr Hosnieh Djafari-Marbini	Councillor Dianne Regisford
	Councillor Laurence Fouweather	Councillor Asima Qayyum
	Councillor James Fry	Councillor Rosie Rawle
	Councillor Stephen Goddard	Councillor Ajaz Rehman
	Councillor Judith Harley	Councillor Kate Robinson
	Councillor David Henwood	Councillor Jo Sandelson
	Councillor Alex Hollingsworth	Councillor Linda Smith
	Councillor Jemima Hunt	Councillor Roz Smith
	Councillor Chris Jarvis	Councillor Dr Christopher Smowton
	Councillor Theodore Jupp	Councillor Anne Stares
	Councillor Emily Kerr	Councillor James Taylor
	Councillor Dr Amar Latif	Councillor Ed Turner
	Councillor Mark Lygo	Councillor Ian Yeatman
	Councillor Sajjad Malik	Councillor Naomi Waite
	Councillor Katherine Miles	

Apologies will be reported at the meeting.

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The business to be transacted is set out below

	Pages
Minute's silence and tributes	
To hear tributes and observe a minute's silence in memory of former Lord Mayors or serving councillors or serving senior officers who have died.	
PART 1 - PUBLIC BUSINESS	
1 Apologies for absence	
2 Declarations of interest	
3 Minutes	21 - 42
Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Council held on 24 March 2025 and the annual meeting of Council on 15 May 2025. Council is asked to approve the minutes as a correct record.	
4 Appointment to Committees	
Any proposed changes will be circulated with the briefing note.	
5 Announcements	
Announcements by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. The Lord Mayor2. The Sheriff3. The Leader of the Council (who may with the permission of the Lord Mayor invite other councillors to make announcements)4. The Chief Executive, Chief Finance Officer, Monitoring Officer	
6 Public addresses and questions that relate to matters for decision at this meeting	

Public addresses and questions to the Leader or other Cabinet member received in accordance with Council Procedure Rules in the Constitution relating to matters for decision in Part 1 of this agenda.

Up to five minutes is available for each public address and up to three minutes for each question. Questions must be less than 200 words.

The request to speak accompanied by the full text of the address or question must be received by the [Director of Law, Governance and Strategy](#) by 5.00 pm on Tuesday, 8 July 2025.

The briefing note will contain the text of addresses and questions submitted by the deadline, and written responses where available.

A total of 45 minutes is available for both public speaking items. Responses are included in this time.

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

7 Positive Action Policy

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The Head of People has submitted a report regarding the Positive Action Policy. Cabinet considered the report and recommended to Council on 18 June 2025.

Recommendation: For Council to resolve to:

1. Approve the Positive Action Policy for publication and use

8 Adopt the Revised Community Infrastructure Levy

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The Director of Planning and Regulation has submitted a report regarding the changes to the Community Infrastructure Levy, and for Council to approve of amended Charging Schedule. Cabinet considered the report and recommended to Council on 18 June 2025.

Recommendation: For Council to resolve to:

1. Adopt the CIL Charging Schedule in line with the recommendation of the independent examiner as set out in Appendix 1;
2. Approve the date on which the amended tariffs will come into effect.
3. Delegate authority to the Director of Planning and Regulatory to make any necessary further minor changes to the documents or any minor change to the implementation date for the new CIL rates.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

9 Appointment of Independent Persons

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The Director of Law, Governance and Strategy has submitted a report recommending Council appoint six Independent Persons to assist with supporting the Monitoring Officer with the Standards Process. The Standards Committee considered the report and recommended to Council on 3 July 2025.

Recommendation: That Council resolves to:

Authorise the Monitoring Officer to re-appoint Chris Ballinger and Andrew Mills-Hicks and to appoint Eric Feltin, Lois Lezemore, Ala Soualhi and Dr. Bushra Almunir Yousef as the Council's Independent Persons for a five-year term.

OFFICER REPORTS

10 Urgent Key Decisions Since March 2025

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The Director of Law, Governance and Strategy has submitted a report which updates Council on key decisions taken in cases of special urgency since March 2025.

Recommendation: That Council resolves to:

1. **Note** the urgent key decision taken in cases of special urgency as set out in the report

11 Constitution Review 2025

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The Director of Law, Governance and Strategy has submitted a report to seek approval to the updated Committee procedures in the relevant sections of the Constitution and further amendments to the Constitution.

Recommendation: That Council resolves to:

1. **Approve** the updates to the Constitution, as listed in Appendix 1;
2. **Delegate** authority to the Monitoring Officer to make any other consequential amendments to the Constitution to reflect the changes in appendix 1 to the extent that they have not been identified in the above, provided such changes are purely required as a direct consequence.

12 Pay Policy Statement

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The Head of People has submitted a report which asks Council to approve the pay policy.

Recommendation: That Council resolves to:

1. **Agree** the pay policy

QUESTIONS

13 Questions on Cabinet minutes

This item has a time limit of 15 minutes.

Councillors may ask the Cabinet Members questions about matters in these minutes:

13a Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 9 April 2025

To be circulated with the Briefing Paper.

13b Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held on 18 June 2025

To be circulated with the Briefing Paper.

13c Draft Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held on 9 July 2025

To be circulated with the Briefing Paper.

14 Questions on Notice from Members of Council

Questions on notice from councillors received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.11(b).

Questions on notice may be asked of the Lord Mayor, a Member of the Cabinet or a Chair of a Committee. One supplementary question may be asked at the meeting.

The full text of questions must have been received by the Director of Law, Governance and Strategy by no later than 1.00pm on Wednesday, 2 July 2025.

These, and written responses where available, will be published in the briefing note.

PART 2 - PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND SCRUTINY

15 Public addresses and questions that do not relate to matters for decision at this Council meeting

This item will be taken at or shortly after 7.00pm

Public addresses and questions to the Leader or other Cabinet member received in accordance with Council Procedure Rules in the Constitution and not relating to matters for decision in Part 1 of this agenda.

Up to five minutes is available for each public address and up to three minutes for each question. Questions must be less than 200 words.

The request to speak accompanied by the full text of the address or question must be received by the [Director of Law, Governance and Strategy](#) by 5.00 pm on Tuesday, 8 July 2025.

The briefing note will contain the text of addresses and questions submitted by the deadline, and written responses where available.

*A total of 45 minutes is available for both public speaking items.
Responses*

16 Outside organisation/Committee Chair reports and questions

As set out in the Constitution at procedure rule 11.16, Members who are Council representatives on external bodies or Chairs of Council Committees who consider that a significant decision or event has taken place, may give notice to the Director of Law, Governance and Strategy by 1.00 pm Wednesday, 9 July 2025 that they will present a written or oral report on the event or the significant decision and how it may influence future events. Written reports will be circulated with the briefing note.

Council is invited to comment on and note the report.

16a Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board/ Health Improvement Board Partnership Report

The Director of Law, Governance and Strategy has submitted a report to provide the annual report on the work of the Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing/ Health Improvement Board.

Recommendation: That Council resolves to:

Note the annual update report of the work the City Council does to

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support the Oxfordshire Health & Wellbeing Board and the Health Improvement Board

16b Annual Scrutiny Report 2024-2025

The Chair of the Scrutiny Committee has submitted a report to Council, providing a summary of the Scrutiny function during the 2024/2025 municipal year.

Councillor Katherine Miles, Chair of the Scrutiny Committee 2024-2025, will present the report.

Recommendation: That Council resolves to note the update report. Report will be published in the Briefing Note.

16c Scrutiny Committee update report

The Chair of the Scrutiny Committee has submitted a report which updates Council on the activities of scrutiny and the implementation of recommendations since March 2025.

Recommendation: That Council resolves to note the update report. Report will be published in the Briefing Note.

PART 3 - MOTIONS REPRESENTING THE CITY

17 Motions on notice July 2025

This item has a time limit of 60 minutes.

Motions received by the Director of Law, Governance and Strategy in accordance with the rules in Section 11 of the Constitution by the deadline of 1.00pm on Wednesday, 2 July 2025 are listed below.

Cross party motions are taken first. Motions will then be taken in turn from the Labour Group, Liberal Democrat Group, Green Group, Independent Oxford Alliance Group, Oxford Community Independent Group, Oxford Independent Group and Real Independent Group in that order.

Substantive amendments to these motions must be sent by councillors to the Director of Law, Governance and Strategy by no later than 10.00am on Friday, 11 July 2025 so that they may be circulated with the briefing note.

Minor technical or limited wording amendments may be submitted during the meeting but must be written down and circulated.

Council is asked to consider the following motions:

- a) Oppose the County Council Congestion Charge Scheme (Proposed by Councillor James Taylor, Seconded by Councillor Asima Qayyum)
- b) Ban Smartphones in Oxford Schools (Proposed by Councillor Katherine Miles, Seconded by Councillor Andrew Gant)
- c) Protecting trans peoples' access to services (Proposed by Councillor Alex Powell, Seconded by Councillor Chris Jarvis)
- d) Keep Oxfordshire's street lights on (Proposed by Councillor Susan Brown, Seconded by Councillor Lubna Arshad)
- e) Environmental Protections in the Planning and Infrastructure Bill (Proposed by Councillor Andrew Gant, Seconded by Councillor Chris Smowton)

17a Oppose the County Council Congestion Charge Scheme (Proposed by Councillor James Taylor, Seconded by Councillor Asima Qayyum)

Labour Group Motion

This council resolves to express its opposition to the congestion charge scheme proposed by the county council.

17b Ban Smartphones in Oxford Schools (Proposed by Councillor Katherine Miles, Seconded by Councillor Andrew Gant)

Liberal Democrats Group Motion

This Council calls for restrictions on the use of smartphones in all primary and secondary schools for children up to the age of 16 years within Oxford

MP Josh MacAlister's Safer Phones Bill¹ has been watered down to exclude the ban on smartphones in schools. He reports, "It's time to address the negative effects of excessive screen time and social media use on children's health, sleep and learning. Parents are crying out for legislation to support them in keeping their children safe from online harm. Gen Z themselves regret how long they spend on social media".

Gillian McDermott Head of Cutteslowe Primary School points to Jonathan Haidt's *The Anxious Generation*,² showing overwhelmingly the harm done to children through excessive use of smartphones. The author examined what happened to young

¹ 7 March 2025 BBC News Safer Phones Bill October 2024

² Cutteslowe Community Partnership Full Meeting 6 Feb 2025 The Anxious Generation Jonathan Haidt, Penguin 2024

people in the early 2010s that triggered the surge of anxiety and depression, social isolation and cyber-bullying and academic disengagement from 2012 which in some cases have contributed to self harm and death since then.

The LibDem MP Max Wilkinson³ says regulations are far behind reality and technology. Barnardos⁴ say that the average teenager is spending up to five hours a day on social media. Ofcom research⁵ found that 71% of children aged between 5 and 15 used a smartphone to get online in 2023. 75% of parents had concerns related to content inappropriate for their children's age. 73% was adult or sexual content.

Eric Schmit⁶ the ex-boss of Google and Alphabet emphasised the use of smartphones can be safe but need to be moderated. "Why," he asks, "would we run such a large uncontrolled experiment on the most important people in the world, which is the next generation?"

The council recognises that digital devices (e.g. a tablet, camera or video recorder) may be permitted for certain academic activities or research but should be provided by the school if required for learning. Moreover, students with specific learning needs may be permitted to use a digital device without social media access as a support tool.

Finally, this Council recognises that many parents in our city have signed up to the parent pact for a Smart-Phone Free Childhood – a collective agreement to delay getting kids smartphones until at least 14, and social media 16.

This Council:

1. Supports the principles of a Smartphone Free Childhood
2. Regrets that Josh McAlister's Bill has been watered down.
3. Notes that Secretaries of State for Education have favoured mandatory limits on mobile phone use in schools over the last fifteen years.
4. Asks the Leader to write to the Secretary of State for Education urging support for the original intentions of the McAlister Bill.
5. Asks the Leader to write to all schools in the city to offer the council's support and encouragement to continue to develop policies addressing concerns related to smartphone and social media use in schools.
6. Ask the Leader of the Council to look into whether the City Council can do this and implement as possible.

³ BBC R4 Any Questions 07.03.25

⁴ Westminster Hall Debate May 2024

⁵ Children and Parents: Media Use and Attitudes 29.03.2023

⁶ BBC 13 Feb 2025

17c Protecting trans peoples' access to services (Proposed by Councillor Alex Powell, Seconded by Councillor Chris Jarvis)

Green Group Motion

Council notes:

1. Whilst the Council accepts the interpretation of the courts which are now law, the wider principles of the November 2021 motion still apply and still reflect this Council's beliefs.⁷
2. That motion stated: "Trans women are women. Trans men are men. Non-binary people are non-binary."
3. It continued by saying: "Our aspiration is for Oxford to be a safe, welcoming and inclusive city for everyone, no matter their gender identity."
4. Since the passing of the motion, the Supreme Court has issued a ruling on the definition of the protected characteristic of sex as set out in the Equality Act.⁸

Council believes:

1. The principles of the November 2021 motion still apply and still reflect this Council's beliefs.
2. Since the November 2021 motion was passed by this council, trans and non-binary people have been subjected to a manufactured moral panic which seeks to demonise their very existence and undermine their rights.
3. Overly simplistic approaches to understanding sex, gender and sexuality can undermine the rights not only of trans and non-binary people, but also those of gender non-conforming cisgender people.
4. Trans and non-binary residents of our city deserve reassurance that they will not be discriminated against in the provision of council services.

Council resolves:

1. To request the leader of the council writes to the Minister for Women and Equalities calling for the government to introduce new legislation which protects trans rights and access to services.
2. To request the leader of the council writes to the Equality and Human Rights Commission calling for it to ensure that the

⁷ <https://mycouncil.oxford.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=31680>

⁸ <https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/research-briefings/cbp-10259/>

Code of Practice it issues in relation to the Supreme Court ruling does not lead to trans and non-binary people facing discrimination or harassment in service provision.

3. To request that the leader of the council publicly sets out how the city council intends to ensure that its provision - including public toilets, community centres, housing and homelessness services and leisure provision remain trans inclusive.
4. To request that the leader of the Council and the Cabinet Members for Healthy Fairer Oxford, for Planning and Culture and for Citizen Focused Services undertake to work with both council bodies and local businesses to ensure that the rights and dignity of trans and non-binary residents of Oxford are supported to the maximum extent permitted by law in the delivery of services.
5. To request that the Cabinet member for Healthy Fairer Oxford write to the director of More Leisure publicly stating the councils support for an inclusive approach to accessing facilities and encourage More Leisure to ensure that they continue to provide services which are, to the maximum extent permissible by law, appropriate to the self-identification of Oxford residents.

17d Keep Oxfordshire's street lights on (Proposed by Councillor Susan Brown, Seconded by Councillor Lubna Arshad)

Labour Group Motion

Council notes:

- Well-lit streets are a key component to our community's safety, security, and well-being.
- According to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, an approximate [40% of all vehicle collisions occur at night time](#). Residents in nearby [Warwickshire](#) and [Northamptonshire](#), where street lights have been off for some years in the early hours, have reported feeling less safe at night due to the change.
- Proposals to switch off Oxfordshire's street lights at 11pm were originally proposed by the then Liberal Democrat and Green Party-led Oxfordshire County Council with some exceptions as detailed [here](#). If this had been implemented, the decision would have been carried out with just a week's notice being given to the general public, and with no opportunity for them to make their views heard.
- Fortunately public outrage from this council and others stopped that from happening

- The county council now talks about communities having the option to request 'part-night lighting' which it defines as switching them off between 12 midnight and 5.30am in urban areas.

Council believes:

- Every resident in Oxford has the right to feel safe in their community.
- Darkened streets create an environment that fosters antisocial behaviour and crime, putting our most vulnerable residents at increased risk.
- The County Council's proposals would have a detrimental and disproportionate impact on women and girls, as well as all those who work unsocial hours including those in the NHS, hospitality, and retail, carers, cyclists, and pedestrians.
- These proposals also disregard public safety concerns raised in tackling Violence Against Women and Girls, ignoring both actual and perceived risks.
- Particularly in urban areas, people will be heading home from a night out or to and from work during this period.
- During these hours there are fewer people around and many will already feel more vulnerable.

Council resolves:

- To ask the City Council cabinet to adopt a position to oppose any proposal by the County Council to turn street lights off at 12midnight in Oxford
- To call on the Leader of the City Council to write to the Leader of the County Council requesting them not to rush through this half-baked, dangerous, and divisive proposal for the sake of financial expediency.
- To share the concerns raised by local communities, Thames Valley Police, Anneliese Dodds MP, Sean Woodcock MP, and the whole of the Labour Party across Oxfordshire, who have spoken out against these proposals.

17e Environmental Protections in the Planning and Infrastructure Bill (Proposed by Councillor Andrew Gant, Seconded by Councillor Chris Smowton)

Liberal Democrats Group Motion

Council notes that the Planning and Infrastructure Bill⁹ will, if

⁹ <https://bills.parliament.uk/publications/61396/documents/6667>

passed, significantly change the way this council makes planning decisions. Council believes these changes will curtail local democratic oversight and reduce environmental protections.

Clause 51 gives the Secretary of State powers to decide which applications are heard at committee, and to dictate the size and composition of planning committees.

Part 3 removes the requirement for developers to undertake an environmental impact assessment and deliver mitigation on a site-specific basis. Instead, clauses 66 to 75 provide for a “nature restoration levy”, allocated at national level by Natural England (called “cash to trash”¹⁰ by the RSPB).

This council believes these measures go entirely against the spirit of effective local decision-making and evidence-based environmental protection.

Council agrees with the Office for Environmental Protection:

In our considered view, the bill would have the effect of reducing the level of environmental protection provided for by existing environmental law. As drafted, the provisions are a regression.¹¹

Council also agrees with the 32 environmental organisations¹² and 81 environmentalists and academics who publicly criticised the bill, calling for a “Pause to bad law”.¹³

Council also agrees with Labour MP Chris Hinchcliff, who pointed out that “profit maximisation” is the biggest barrier to development, not “clear processes that uphold democracy and nature”.¹⁴

¹⁰ As quoted by Carla Denyer MP, HoC, 9 June 2025, see HC Hansard, col 689:

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2025-06-09/debates/3B8E0A89-3756-49FB-8C07-CECF3B58A26A/PlanningandInfrastructureBill>

¹¹ 1 May 2025: <https://www.theoep.org.uk/report/oep-gives-advice-government-planning-and-infrastructure-bill>

¹² Wildlife and Countryside Link, ‘Letter to Steve Reed MP, secretary of state for environment, food and rural affairs, ref Planning and Infrastructure Bill’, 8 April 2025:

<https://www.wcl.org.uk/docs/2025/20250408WCLJointPlanningLetter.pdf>

¹³ Justin Adams et al, ‘Joint statement: Pause to bad law- a call for meaningful consultation on the Planning and Infrastructure Bill’, 22 May 2025: see House of Lords briefing, 19 June 2025, page 53:

<https://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/LLN-2025-0025/LLN-2025-0025.pdf>

¹⁴ Report stage, 10-11 June 2025, backbench amendment no. 69, see HC Hansard, 9 June 2025, col 678 and 729:

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2025-06-09/debates/3B8E0A89-3756-49FB-8C07-CECF3B58A26A/PlanningandInfrastructureBill>

This Bill will damage Oxford and Oxfordshire permanently, and will not build a single extra house.

Council asks the Leader to write to Oxford's MPs communicating these concerns, and asking them to oppose these elements in the bill.

18 Matters exempt from publication and exclusion of the public

If Council wishes to exclude the press and the public from the meeting during consideration of any aspects of the preceding agenda items it will be necessary for Council to pass a resolution in accordance with the provisions of Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 specifying the grounds on which their presence could involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in specific paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act if and so long as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

(The Access to Information Procedure Rules – Section 15 of the Council's Constitution – sets out the conditions under which the public can be excluded from meetings of the Council)

Updates and additional information to supplement this agenda are published in the Council Briefing Note.

Additional information, councillors' questions, public addresses and amendments to motions are published in a supplementary briefing note. The agenda and briefing note should be read together.

The Briefing Note is published as a supplement to the agenda. It is available on the Friday before the meeting and can be accessed along with the agenda on the council's website.

Information for those attending

Recording and reporting on meetings held in public

Members of public and press can record, or report in other ways, the parts of the meeting open to the public. You are not required to indicate in advance but it helps if you notify the Committee and Member Services Officer prior to the meeting so that they can inform the Chair and direct you to the best place to record.

The Council asks Councillors and members of the press and public recording the meeting:

- To follow the protocol which can be found on the Council's [website](#)
- Not to disturb or disrupt the meeting
- Not to edit the recording in a way that could lead to misinterpretation of the proceedings. This includes not editing an image or views expressed in a way that may ridicule or show a lack of respect towards those being recorded.
- To avoid recording members of the public present, even inadvertently, unless they are addressing the meeting.

Please be aware that you may be recorded during your speech and any follow-up. If you are attending please be aware that recordings may take place and that you may be inadvertently included in these.

The Chair of the meeting has absolute discretion to suspend or terminate any activities that in his or her opinion are disruptive.

Councillors declaring interests

General duty

You must declare any disclosable pecuniary interests when the meeting reaches the item on the agenda headed "Declarations of Interest" or as soon as it becomes apparent to you.

What is a disclosable pecuniary interest?

Disclosable pecuniary interests relate to your* employment; sponsorship (ie payment for expenses incurred by you in carrying out your duties as a councillor or towards your election expenses); contracts; land in the Council's area; licenses for land in the Council's area; corporate tenancies; and securities. These declarations must be recorded in each councillor's Register of Interests which is publicly available on the Council's website.

Declaring an interest

Where any matter disclosed in your Register of Interests is being considered at a meeting, you must declare that you have an interest. You should also disclose the nature as well as the existence of the interest. If you have a disclosable pecuniary interest, after having declared it at the meeting you must not participate in discussion or voting on the item and must withdraw from the meeting whilst the matter is discussed.

Members' Code of Conduct and public perception

Even if you do not have a disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter, the Members' Code of Conduct says that a member "must serve only the public interest and must never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person including yourself" and that "you must not place yourself in situations where your honesty and integrity may be questioned". The matter of interests must be viewed within the context of the Code as a whole and regard should continue to be paid to the perception of the public.

Members Code – Other Registrable Interests

Where a matter arises at a meeting which directly relates to the financial interest or wellbeing** of one of your Other Registrable Interests*** then you must declare an

interest. You must not participate in discussion or voting on the item and you must withdraw from the meeting whilst the matter is discussed.

Members Code – Non Registrable Interests

Where a matter arises at a meeting which ***directly relates*** to your financial interest or wellbeing (and does not fall under disclosable pecuniary interests), or the financial interest or wellbeing of a relative or close associate, you must declare the interest.

Where a matter arises at a meeting which affects your own financial interest or wellbeing, a financial interest or wellbeing of a relative or close associate or a financial interest or wellbeing of a body included under Other Registrable Interests, then you must declare the interest.

You must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room, if you answer in the affirmative to this test:

“Where a matter affects the financial interest or well-being:

- a. to a greater extent than it affects the financial interests of the majority of inhabitants of the ward affected by the decision and;
- b. a reasonable member of the public knowing all the facts would believe that it would affect your view of the wider public interest You may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting.”

Otherwise, you may stay in the room, take part in the discussion and vote.

*Disclosable pecuniary interests that must be declared are not only those of the member her or himself but also those member’s spouse, civil partner or person they are living with as husband or wife or as if they were civil partners.

** Wellbeing can be described as a condition of contentedness, healthiness and happiness; anything that could be said to affect a person’s quality of life, either positively or negatively, is likely to affect their wellbeing.

*** Other Registrable Interests: a) any unpaid directorships b) any Body of which you are a member or are in a position of general control or management and to which you are nominated or appointed by your authority c) any Body (i) exercising functions of a public nature (ii) 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.