

# Agenda

# Council


## Summons

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

Date: **Monday 26 January 2026**

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

<b>Members</b>	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 Asima Qayyum
	Councillor Dr Hosnieh Djafari-Marbini	Councillor Anna Railton
	Councillor Laurence Fouweather	Councillor Rosie Rawle
	Councillor James Fry	Councillor Dr Dianne Regisford
	Councillor Stephen Goddard	Councillor Ajaz Rehman
	Councillor Judith Harley	Councillor Kate Robinson
	Councillor David Henwood	Councillor Jo Sandelson
	Councillor Alex Hollingsworth	Councillor Anne Stares
	Councillor Jemima Hunt	Councillor Linda Smith
	Councillor Chris Jarvis	Councillor Roz Smith
	Councillor Theodore Jupp	Councillor Dr Christopher Smowton
	Councillor Emily Kerr	Councillor James Taylor
	Councillor Dr Amar Latif	Councillor Ed Turner
	Councillor Mark Lygo	Councillor Naomi Waite
	Councillor Sajjad Malik	Councillor Ian Yeatman
	Councillor Katherine Miles	

Apologies will be reported at the meeting.

# Agenda

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

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Council held on 24 November 2025 and the Special meeting of Council on 14 January 2026.

**Council is asked to approve the minutes as a correct record.**

### 4 Appointment to Committees

Any proposed changes will be included within the Appointment of Committees for the remainder of the Council Year 2025/2026.

### 5 Announcements

Announcements by:

1. The Lord Mayor
2. The Sheriff
3. 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
5. The City Rector

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## **6 Public addresses 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.

**The request to speak accompanied by the full text of the address must be received by the [Director of Law, Governance and Strategy](#) by 5.00 pm on 20 January 2025.**

The briefing note will contain the text of addresses 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.*

## **7 Urgent Business**

The Council may deal with business even though it is not on the Agenda so long as:

- (a) the business is raised by a Motion on Notice under Rule 14 (Motions on Notice);
- (b) the Motion on Notice is delivered to the Director of Law, Governance and Strategy not later than 4 hours before the start of the Meeting;
- (c) the Lord Mayor, or Council, if put to a vote, decide that the business is urgent (see Rule a); and
- (d) the agenda relating to the Meeting states that the Council may deal with urgent business at that Meeting.

Should the Lord Mayor determine that a matter is not urgent on the advice of the Monitoring Officer then the decision shall be final, subject to such reasons being explained to the meeting. Where there is no definitive view from the Monitoring Officer any member may, supported by [10] or more member by a show of hands, may request that the matter be put to a vote to determine if it should be heard.

Should the majority determine in any vote that the matter is urgent (whether put to the meeting by the Lord Mayor or by a member supported by ten others) then Council will debate it under Rule 11.20 Rules of Debate. Where it is determined that the matter is not urgent, the matter shall be deferred to the next Ordinary Council Meeting (i.e. not to an Extraordinary Council Meeting).

## CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

8	<b>Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Rent Setting 2026/27</b>	45 - 58
<p>The Group Finance Director (Section 151 Officer) has submitted a report to present the outcome of Oxford City Council's (the council's) annual rent review and associated rent setting proposal for 2026/27 in respect of all council dwellings within the Housing Revenue Account, including the setting of associated services and facilities charges.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> That Council resolves to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Approve</b> an increase of 4.8% + up to £2 for rent convergence (max) for 2026/27 (subject to any subsequent cap on increases imposed by central government) in social dwelling rents from 1st April 2026 giving an average weekly increase of £8.47 per week, and a revised weekly average social rent of £143.40 as set out in the Financial Implications section of this report.</li> <li>2. <b>Approve</b> an increase to rents for shared ownership dwellings as outlined in paragraph 21 of the Financial Implications.</li> <li>3. <b>Approve</b> an increase to service charges by 4.8% (CPI + 1%) to enable the HRA to recover the associated cost of supply.</li> <li>4. <b>Approve</b> an increase to the charge for a garage of 5.0%, equating to an increase of £1.00 per week for a standard garage within a curtilage with a revised charge of £21.00 per week.</li> <li>5. <b>Approve</b> an increase to the rent and service charges for General Fund Temporary Accommodation as set out in the Financial Implications section of this report.</li> </ol>		
9	<b>Tenancy Strategy and Tenancy Policy</b>	59 - 134
<p>The Director of Housing has submitted a report to recommend approval of the updated new Tenancy Strategy and Tenancy Policy.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> That Council resolves to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Approve</b> and <b>adopt</b> the draft Tenancy Strategy and Tenancy Policy.</li> <li>2. <b>Delegate authority</b> to the Director of Housing, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities, authority to update the Tenancy Strategy and Tenancy Policy with minor amendments to keep the documents up to date with any future changes in legislation, regulations, governance and best practice.</li> </ol>		
10	<b>Resident Involvement and Engagement Strategy</b>	135 - 180

The Deputy Chief Executive for City and Citizen Services has submitted a report to recommend to Full Council to approve the new Resident Involvement & Engagement Strategy 25 – 28.

**Recommendation:** That Council resolves to:

1. **Approve and adopt** the Resident Involvement & Engagement Strategy 25 – 28 and action plan attached to the strategy which outlines how the priorities for resident involvement and engagement will be taken forward
2. **Delegate authority** to the Director of Housing, on approval of the strategy, to put in place the necessary governance and monitoring arrangements to oversee the implementation and delivery of the strategy

## 11 Proposed Submission Draft Oxford Local Plan 2045

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1246

The Director of Planning and Regulations has submitted a report to approve the Proposed Submission Draft Local Plan 2045 for public consultation and, subject to the outcome of the consultation, if no matters are raised that materially impact upon the Plan strategy, to submit the Submission Draft Oxford Local Plan 2045 to the Secretary of State for formal examination.

**Recommendation:** Council resolves to:

1. **Approve** the Proposed Submission Draft Local Plan 2045 document for public consultation;
2. **Authorise** all the supporting statutory documentation including the Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulation Assessment, Infrastructure Development Plan (IDP), Policies Map and Equalities Impact Assessment;
3. **Authorise** the Director of Planning and Regulation, after consultation with the Lead Cabinet Member, to make any necessary minor editorial corrections to the Submission Draft Oxford Local Plan 2045, IDP, Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulation Assessment, Policies Map, and to agree the supporting evidence base prior to going out to consultation.
4. **Authorise**, following publication, the Director of Planning and Regulation, after consultation with the Lead Cabinet Member, to make any minor changes to the document deemed necessary as a result of the consultation.
5. **Authorise** submission of the Oxford Local Plan 2045 to the Secretary of State for examination, following Regulation 19 consultation and any minor amendments made according to recommendation 3 or 4 and subject to there being no matters raised in the consultation that are considered to materially impact upon the Plan strategy.
6. **Authorise** the Director of Planning and Regulation, after consultation with the Lead Cabinet Member, to invite the

examining inspector(s) to recommend any modifications considered to be necessary in accordance with section 20(7C) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

### 12 Designation of Section 151 Officer

1247 -  
1250

The Chief Executive has submitted a report to designate the Council's Section 151 Officer following a success recruitment campaign and the recommendation from the Appointments Committee on 28 November 2025.

**Recommendation:** That Council resolves to:

1. **Designate** the newly appointed Interim Group Finance Director as the Council's Section 151 Officer with effect from the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

## OFFICER REPORTS

### 13 Appointment of Committees for the remainder of the Council Year 2025/2026

1251 -  
1256

The Director of Law, Governance and Strategy (Monitoring Officer) has submitted a report for Council to appoint committees and the members serving on those committees for the remainder of the Council year 2025-26, as required by the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (Section 15).

**Recommendation:** That Council resolves to:

1. **Approve** the structure of the Council committees, as defined within the Council's Constitution and set out in Appendix 1: Committee Structure 2025-2026;
2. **Approve** the methods, calculations and conventions used in determining political representation on committees as outlined in the report and shown in Appendix 2: Political Proportionalities on Council Committees 2026;
3. **Appoint** to committee seats in accordance with the requirements of political proportionality and the nominations made by political groups, as shown in Appendix 3: Committee Nominations 2026;
4. **Agree** that all members of Council will form the pool of members able to observe on appeals and some grievances panels in accordance with the Council's policies;

*Appendices 2 and 3 will be published as part of the Briefing Note.*

## 14 Working Overseas Policy and Procedure for Staff

1257 -  
1298

The Head of People has submitted a report to seek agreement to implement a new policy and procedure relating to working outside of the United Kingdom.

**Recommendation:** That Council resolves to:

1. **Approve** the following:
  - a. Working Overseas Policy and Procedure for Employees
  - b. Working Overseas Procedure for Members

## 15 Constitution Updates

1299 -  
1308

The Director of Law, Governance and Strategy (Monitoring Officer) has submitted a report to seek approval to 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.

## 16 Council and Committee Meetings Programme for May 2026 to May 2028

1309 -  
1318

The Director of Law, Governance and Strategy (Monitoring Officer) has submitted a report setting out the programme of Council, committee and other meetings for the whole of the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 Council years.

**Recommendation:** That Council resolves to:

1. **Approve** the programme of Council, committee and other meetings from 1 May 2026 to 31 May 2028 attached at Appendix 1;
2. **Delegate authority** to the Director of Law, Governance and Strategy, in consultation with the political Group Leaders, to make changes to this programme in the event that there is any decision by Council to change the committee structure or committee remits which impacts on the programme of meetings; and
3. **Delegate authority** to the Director of Law, Governance and



Strategy to set dates for additional training and briefing sessions for Members.

## 17 Appointment of Independent Remuneration Panel

1319 -  
1322

The Director of Law, Governance and Strategy (Monitoring Officer) has submitted a report explaining the background to the Members' Allowances Scheme and to seek delegated authority for the appointment of an Independent Remuneration Panel to consider a new Members' Allowances Scheme. The Panel will recommend the proposed Scheme to Council later in 2026 for adoption.

**Recommendation:** That Council resolves to:

1. **Delegate authority** to the Director of Law, Governance and Strategy to make appointments to the Council's Independent Remuneration Panel as needed, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, up to when the replacement Members' Allowances Scheme will expire in March 2027.

## 18 Urgent Key Decisions Since July 2025

1323 -  
1328

The Director of Law, Governance and Strategy (Monitoring Officer) has submitted a report to update Council on key decisions taken in cases of special urgency since 14 July 2025.

**Recommendation:** That Council resolves to:

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

## QUESTIONS

### 19 Questions on Cabinet minutes

*This item has a time limit of 15 minutes.*

Councillors may ask the Cabinet Members questions about matters in the minutes since the previous meeting of full Council.

*The Minutes will be published within a supplement ahead of the meeting.*

### 20 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 14 January 2026.

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

## PART 2 - PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND SCRUTINY

### 21 Public addresses that do not relate to matters for decision at this Council meeting

Public addresses 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.

**The request to speak accompanied by the full text of the address must be received by the [Director of Law, Governance and Strategy](#) by 5.00 pm on 20 January 2026.**

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*

## Outside organisation/Committee Chair reports and questions

### 22 Outside organisation report - Partnership report on the Oxfordshire Children's Trust Board, and the Council's work for Children and Young People living in the city

1329 -  
1362

The Director of Law, Governance and Strategy (Monitoring Officer) and the Transition Director have submitted a report to update Council on the arrangements and board for The Oxfordshire Children's Trust and the Council's work for Children and Young People in the city.

**Recommendation:** Council resolves to:

1. **Note** the report and the documents appended to it

## 23 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 the last meeting of Council.

**Council is invited to comment on and note the report.**

*The report will be published within a supplement ahead of the meeting.*

## PART 3 - MOTIONS REPRESENTING THE CITY

## 24 Motions on notice January 2026

**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 14 January 2026 are listed below.

Cross party motions are taken first. Motions will then be taken in turn from the *Oxford Independent Group, Real Independent Group, Labour Group, Liberal Democrat Group, Green Group, Oxford Independent Alliance 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, 23 January 2026 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) Better use of Oxpens Bridge Funding (Proposed by Cllr Jupp, Seconded by Cllr Miles)
- b) Prisoners for Palestine hunger strikes (proposed by Cllr Jarvis, Seconded by Cllr Mundy)

### 24a Better use of Oxpens Bridge Funding (Proposed by Cllr Jupp, Seconded by Cllr Miles)

Liberal Democrat Motion

Council notes:

- The cost of the Oxpens bridge has substantially increased since its original approval, and is

running considerably behind other Growth Deal projects.

- That government has the option to repurpose the money for use in other active travel schemes and entrust the County Council to manage this.
- Government can and does vary the rules of the Deal from time to time. Thus far, government has rightly prioritised the spirit and objectives of the Deal above the letter of the agreement.
- Doubt remains that the Oxpens bridge will be able to provide a dry route to Osney Island and thereby unlock housing, due to the low-lying railway underpass in-between.
- The Growth Board (now Future Oxfordshire Partnership) was strongly urged against pursuing the Oxpens bridge project to begin with.

Council therefore believes it would be sensible to examine alternatives, and open a conversation with the County and/or the Ministry on options that deliver greater benefits for the residents of Oxford.

**Council therefore resolves** to ask the Leader to write to the relevant Minister, in full consultation with the accountable body for the Growth Deal funds, requesting that in the event of the bridge not going ahead:

- That the Growth Deal be varied as necessary to permit the funds to be used for other specified purposes in Oxford;
- That other options be explored to better employ the funds, including but not limited to:
  - Resurrecting the substantive scheme for Woodstock Road improvements to mitigate the effect of housing development to the north;
  - Revisiting the pedestrian bridge across the A40 at Barton Park which was dropped at planning stage, resulting in very real and significant safety concerns for residents;
  - Resurrecting the long-discussed plan for a foot/cycle bridge across the Thames at Jackdaw Lane, providing a safe and convenient alternative to the challenging Plain roundabout for residents of south and east Oxford.

Council notes that each of these schemes has been worked up in detail, and are thus available to re-visit, making any one of them attractive to a government which has the best interests of Oxford's residents at heart.

**24b Prisoners for Palestine hunger strikes (proposed by Cllr Jarvis, Seconded by Cllr Mundy)**

## Green Group Motion

### Council notes

1. Since September 2024 eight remand prisoners detained as a result of alleged activities with Palestine Action have participated in hunger strikes, including at least one individual from Oxford.<sup>[1]</sup>
2. The prisoners are expected to be on remand for over a year before they face a trial<sup>[2]</sup>, despite the CPS guidance suggesting the maximum time anyone should be held on remand is 182 days.<sup>[3]</sup>
3. Among the demands of the hunger strikers are:<sup>[4]</sup>
  - a) Immediate bail for the prisoners held on remand.
  - b) While they are imprisoned, for the prisoners to be able to send and receive communications without restriction, surveillance, or interference from the prison administration.
  - c) The right to a fair trial.
  - d) For Palestine Action to be de-proscribed.
4. All of those participating in the hunger strikes were detained for alleged activities with Palestine Action prior to parliament adding it to the list of proscribed organisations.
5. While some of the hunger strikers have ended their action, at the time of writing, four are still refusing food and are facing serious risk of long term health issues or death.<sup>[5]</sup>
6. 67 MPs - including Oxford West and Abingdon MP Layla Moran - have signed an Early Day Motion calling for the Secretary of State for Justice to ensure the treatment of the hunger strikers is “humane” and that their human rights are upheld.<sup>[6]</sup>
7. A number of other councils, including Belfast<sup>[7]</sup> and Derry<sup>[8]</sup>, have passed motions expressing solidarity with the hunger strikers and for the government to enter proper negotiations with the prisoners to bring an end to the strikes.

### Council believes

1. It is extremely concerning that these prisoners have felt that they had no other recourse to protest against their prison conditions but to engage in hunger strikes.

### Council resolves

1. To request that the leader of the council:

- a) Write to the Secretary of State for Justice and other relevant government ministers, requesting that they
  - i. Meet with the families and representatives of those on hunger strike.
  - ii. Enter negotiations to bring the hunger strikes to an end and to prevent any loss of life or long term health complications.
  - iii. Do everything they can to ensure that the prisoners on remand have their human rights respected and that they are treated humanely.
- b) Write to local MPs Anneliese Dodds and Layla Moran requesting that they work to ensure that government ministers carry out the requests in resolves 1.

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<sup>[1]</sup> <https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2025/dec/16/palestine-action-hunger-strikers-may-die-without-lammy-intervention-lawyers-say>

<sup>[2]</sup> <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/jan/07/palestine-action-hunger-strikers-government>

<sup>[3]</sup> <https://www.cps.gov.uk/prosecution-guidance/custody-time-limits>

<sup>[4]</sup> <https://prisonersforpalestine.org/demands/>

<sup>[5]</sup> <https://prisonersforpalestine.org/>

<sup>[6]</sup> <https://edm.parliament.uk/early-day-motion/64800/palestine-action-hunger-strike>

<sup>[7]</sup> <https://belfastmedia.com/belfast-city-council-backs-motion-supporting-palestine-action-hunger-strikers-in-england>

<sup>[8]</sup>

<https://meetings.derrycityandstranadedistrict.com/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=189&MIId=2378&Ver=4>

## **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.