

Date: Monday 6 November 2023 at 4.00 pm

Venue: Jim Cooke Conference Suite, Stockton Central Library, Church Road,
Stockton-on-Tees, TS18 1TU

Cllr Marilyn Surtees (Chair)
Cllr Paul Weston (Vice-Chair)

Cllr Michelle Bendelow
Cllr John Gardner
Cllr David Reynard
Cllr Barry Woodhouse

Cllr Ian Dalgarno
Cllr Niall Innes
Cllr Hugo Stratton

AGENDA

5 Scrutiny Review of Cost of Living Response

To receive evidence from Council Officers and
representatives from Catalyst and Stockton Food Power
Network.

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KEY - Declarable interests are:-

- Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI's)
- Other Registerable Interests (ORI's)
- Non Registerable Interests (NRI's)

Members – Declaration of Interest Guidance

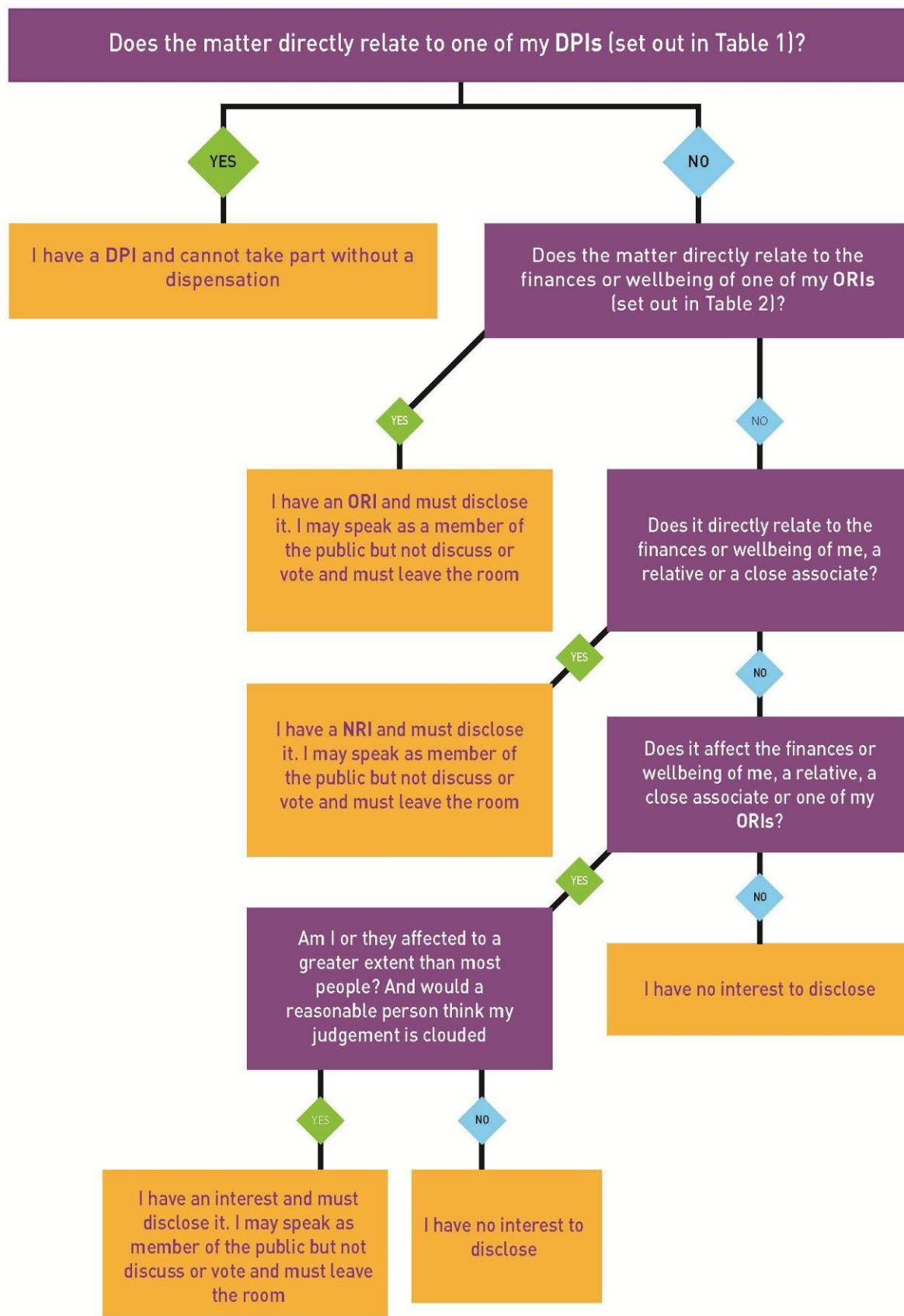


Table 1 - Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Subject	Description
Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain
Sponsorship	Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the council) made to the councillor during the previous 12-month period for expenses incurred by him/her in carrying out his/her duties as a councillor, or towards his/her election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.
Contracts	Any contract made between the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners (or a firm in which such person is a partner, or an incorporated body of which such person is a director* or a body that such person has a beneficial interest in the securities of*) and the council — (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and (b) which has not been fully discharged.
Land and property	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the council. 'Land' excludes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not give the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners (alone or jointly with another) a right to occupy or to receive income.
Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the council for a month or longer.
Corporate tenancies	Any tenancy where (to the councillor's knowledge)— (a) the landlord is the council; and (b) the tenant is a body that the councillor, or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners is a partner of or a director* of or has a beneficial interest in the securities* of.
Securities	Any beneficial interest in securities* of a body where— (a) that body (to the councillor's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the council; and (b) either— (i) the total nominal value of the securities* exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or (ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the councillor, or his/ her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners have a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

* 'director' includes a member of the committee of management of an industrial and provident society.

* 'securities' means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description, other than money deposited with a building society.

Table 2 – Other Registrable Interest

You must register as an Other Registrable Interest:

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

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COST OF LIVING RESPONSE

November 2023

SERVICE OVERVIEW

- 22/23 – Over 3600 adult learning enrolments
- Apprenticeship Funding (£200k - over 60 apprentices)
- Multiply Funding (£300k - over 300 enrolments)
- Adult Education Budget (£1.6m from TVCA)
of which:
£675k Adult Skills
£940k Learning for Inclusion

LEARNING FOR INCLUSION

- Funding ringfenced to LA's focused on people who are disadvantaged and least likely to participate
- Widen participation and transform people's destinies
- Improve confidence and willingness to engage in learning
- Address the specific needs of adults within a Local Authority area such as isolation, social exclusion, mental health and well-being
- Improve and develop stronger community engagement
- Learning that supports voluntary and third sector organisations to adults in disadvantaged areas

COST OF LIVING RESPONSIVE COURSES

- Cook The Costs
 - Collaborative SBC community partnership course
 - Providing one-pot and slow cookers to residents yet taught them the skills and knowledge to produce cheap yet nutritious meals
 - 20x courses across warm spaces / community venues including Family Hubs such as Billingham, Stockton, Redhill and Thornaby
- Catering and Nutrition
 - Air Fryer Recipes
 - Family Dinner Favourites on a Budget
 - Festive Cooking on a Budget
- Skills to Pay The Bills
 - Designed to support people manage their budgets in response to rising food and energy costs

WIDER EXAMPLES OF INCLUSIVE COURSES

- Health and Wellbeing Programmes:
 - Live Well – Stay Well
 - Man Made – Wellness for Men
 - Art for Wellbeing
 - Mindfulness and Meditation
- ESOL – English for Speakers of Other Languages
- Community Interpreting – supporting community integration
- Steps into Volunteering

WIDER EXAMPLES OF SKILLS COURSES

- **Sector Based Work Academies (SWAPs)**
 - Care Academy delivered in partnership with the Employment and Training Hub with guaranteed interviews linked to local job vacancies
- **L2 and 3 qualifications in priority sectors qualifications such as:**
 - Health and Social Care:**
 - Diploma in Care
 - Medication in Adult Care
 - Mental Health
 - Dementia Care
- **English, Maths and ICT Courses to support core life and work skills**

COST OF LIVING FUTURE PLANS

Address Digital Poverty

1) Work with local charity – Hope Foundation

- Facilitate access to FurbedIT programme for learners to access laptop/tablet device

2) Work with national charity – Good Things Foundation

- Facilitate access for learners to access national data bank (6-12 months)

3) Work with Teesside University to deliver Skills pilot to provide learners with digital skills to use devices and access services

Any Questions?