

Date: Wednesday 24 January 2024 at 6.00 pm

Venue: Baptist Tabernacle Auditorium, The Square, Stockton on Tees, TS18 1TE

AGENDA

- 1 Welcome**
- 2 Apologies for Absence**
- 3 Declarations of Interest**
- 4 Minutes**
To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 22 November 2023. (Pages 9 - 20)
- 5 Public Question Time** (Pages 21 - 22)
- 6 Local Plan Five Year Review** (Pages 23 - 52)
- 7 Consent Street Trading Policy Review 2024** (Pages 53 - 98)
- 8 Appointments** (Pages 99 - 104)
- 9 Motion**

The following motion has been submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 3.40 by Cllr Tony Riordan:-

" In October 2023, the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act received Royal Assent. This means that small companies and micro-entities, such as Stockton Hotels Company Limited, will have to file a profit and loss account, which with small companies having to also file a director's report. This change ensures that turnover is available on the public register. The Bill also removes the option for companies to prepare abridged accounts.

The requirements for a profit and loss account will be set out in regulations and will ensure companies are given fair warning of the changed expectations.

To get ahead of the regulations and promote transparency at the very highest-level to our residents, Stockton Borough Council in its role as shareholder resolves,

1. To request Stockton Hotels Company Limited to provide copies of all the profit and loss accounts, since incorporation, and within one month, so that Stockton Borough Council can publish them.
2. To request Stockton Hotels Company Limited to provide copies of all the Directors Reports, since incorporation, and within one month, so that Stockton Borough Council can publish them."

10 Motion

The following motion has been submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 3.40 by Cllr Paul Rowling:-

"During Prime Minister's Questions on Wednesday 22nd November 2023 the Home Secretary James Cleverly was heard making a derogatory comment about Stockton-on-Tees. Despite initially saying that he did not say anything inappropriate the Home Secretary proceeded to claim that the comment was aimed at the MP for Stockton North. As reported in the Sunday Mirror on Sunday 26th November, Artificial Intelligence has been used to clean up the recording. The cleaned-up recording proves that the comment was indeed aimed at our town.

The comment is an outrage and an insult to all those that call Stockton-on-Tees home. Stockton-on-Tees, made up of Stockton, Thornaby, Billingham, Yarm, Egglecliffe, Norton, Ingleby Barwick, and surrounding villages, is a proud area with a rich history. The Home Secretary's comments could not be a more inaccurate description of our area.

Although the Home Secretary has apologised for "unparliamentary language" in the House of Commons, no such apology has been made to the residents of Stockton-on-Tees. We the members of Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council strongly condemn the comments and call for the Home Secretary to make a full apology to the people of Stockton-on-Tees. We resolve to write to the Home Secretary to invite him to come to Stockton to apologise. We also extend an invitation to the MPs for Stockton North and Stockton South to jointly sign this letter."

11 Members' Question Time

(Pages 105 - 112)

12 Forward Plan and Leader's Statement

Members of the Public - Rights to Attend Meeting

With the exception of any item identified above as containing exempt or confidential information under the Local Government Act 1972 Section 100A(4), members of the public are entitled to attend this meeting and/or have access to the agenda papers.

Persons wishing to obtain any further information on this meeting, including the opportunities available for any member of the public to speak at the meeting; or for details of access to the meeting for disabled people, please

Contact: Democratic Services Officer, Peter Bell on email peter.bell@stockton.gov.uk

KEY - Declarable interests are:-

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

Members – Declaration of Interest Guidance

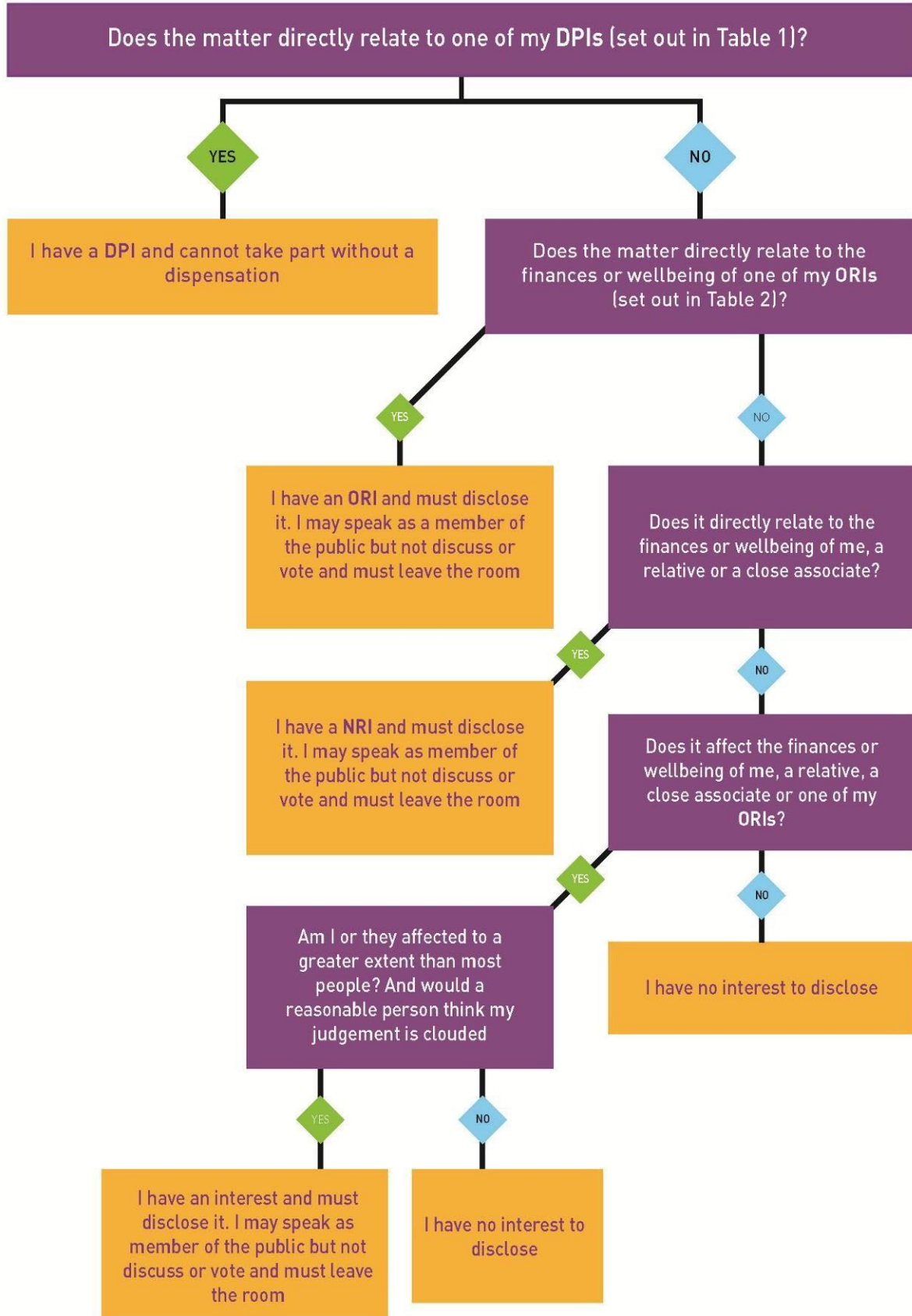


Table 1 - Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

| Subject | Description |
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| 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 Registerable 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