

**Date:** Wednesday 3 April 2024 at 11.00 am

**Venue:** Forum Theatre Auditorium, Billingham Forum, The Causeway, Billingham, TS23 2LJ

## **AGENDA**

### **1 Evacuation Procedure**

The Chief Executive Officer will advise all present of the premise evacuation procedure in the event of an emergency.

### **2 Civic Welcome**

The Mayor will officially welcome everyone to the ceremony.

### **3 Apologies for Absence**

### **4 Council's Constitution**

The Mayor will move, for approval, the Council's Constitution

The Council's Constitution is available to view on the Council's website at:-

<https://www.stockton.gov.uk/the-council-constitution>

### **5 Long Service Awards**

The Worshipful the Mayor will recognise the contribution of long serving staff by presenting them with a certificate of achievement.

### **6 Mayor's Civic Awards Scheme**

The Worshipful the Mayor will recognise the achievements of those who have been successfully nominated for a Mayor's Civic Award.

- The Green Award – Bruce Burnell
- Young Person Award – Elliot Gordon
- Services to the Community Award – Groups/Organisations – Vision 25
- Services to the Community Award – Individual – Garry Bell
- Services to the Community Award – Business – RiverShack
- Health & Wellbeing Award – Infant Hercules
- Carer / Foster Carer Award – Doug and Carolyn Brewster
- Mayor's Special Award – Tony Campbell

**7 Presentation to Mayor's Charities**

- Eastern Ravens Trust
- North East Autism Society

**8 Presentation of Silver Salver to Retiring Deputy Mayor**

**9 Appointment of The Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2024/25**

The Mayor will invite nominations for the office of Mayor.

Councillor Tony Riordan will propose and Councillor Niall Innes will second that Councillor John Gardner be elected Mayor.

The motion(s) will be put to the meeting.

The appointed Mayor will read and sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Mayoral Party will then retire.

The Mayoral Party will return to the stage.

**10 Return of Thanks for Appointment by The Mayor**

The Mayor will address the meeting and thank the Council for his appointment.

**11 Vote of Thanks to Retired Mayor**

Councillor Bob Cook will propose and Councillor Lisa Evans will second a vote of thanks to the retired Mayor for the admirable way in which he has discharged his duties during his term of office.

**12 Presentation of Medallions and Commemorative Digital Album to the Retired Mayor and Mayoress**

**13 Address by the Retired Mayor**

The Retired Mayor will address the meeting.

**14 Appointment of the Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2024/25**

The Mayor will invite nominations for the office of Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Tony Riordon will propose and Councillor Niall Innes will second that Councillor Stephen Richardson to be appointed Deputy Mayor.

The motion(s) will be put to the meeting.

The appointed Deputy Mayor will read and sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Mayor will invest the Deputy Mayor with the Chain of Office and the Mayoress will invest the Deputy Mayoress Sophie Craig with the Chain of Office

**15 Return of Thanks for Appointment by the Deputy Mayor**

**16 Presentation of Floral Arrangements**

**17 Presentation of Bible to the Mayor by the Mayor's Chaplain**

Reverend Paul Neville will present the Bible to the Mayor.

**18 Meetings of Council**

To agree to Meetings of the Council being held at 6.00pm (except where otherwise stated) during the Municipal Year on the following dates:-

29 May 2024  
24 July 2024  
18 September 2024  
20 November 2024  
22 January 2025  
19 February 2025 (Special - MTFP)  
19 March 2025  
2 April 2025 (Annual Meeting - 11.00 am)

**19 Announcement of Cabinet Members for 2024/27**

The Leader of the Council will address the meeting and will announce his Cabinet Members for 2024/27.

**20 Announcement of Assistant Cabinet Members for 2024/27**

The Leader of the Council will address the meeting and will announce his Assistant Cabinet Members for 2024/27.

**21 Amendments/Appointments to Committees and Joint / Outside Bodies for the 2024/27 Municipal Year** (Pages 11 - 20)

**22 Corporate Parenting Promise**

The Mayor will sign the Corporate Parenting Promise on behalf of the Council, accepting Members' role as Corporate Parents. All Members will have an opportunity to add their signatures to the Corporate Parenting Promise following the Council Meeting.

**23 The Mayor will close the Meeting**



Jonathan Nertney  
Proper Officer  
22 March 2024

**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.

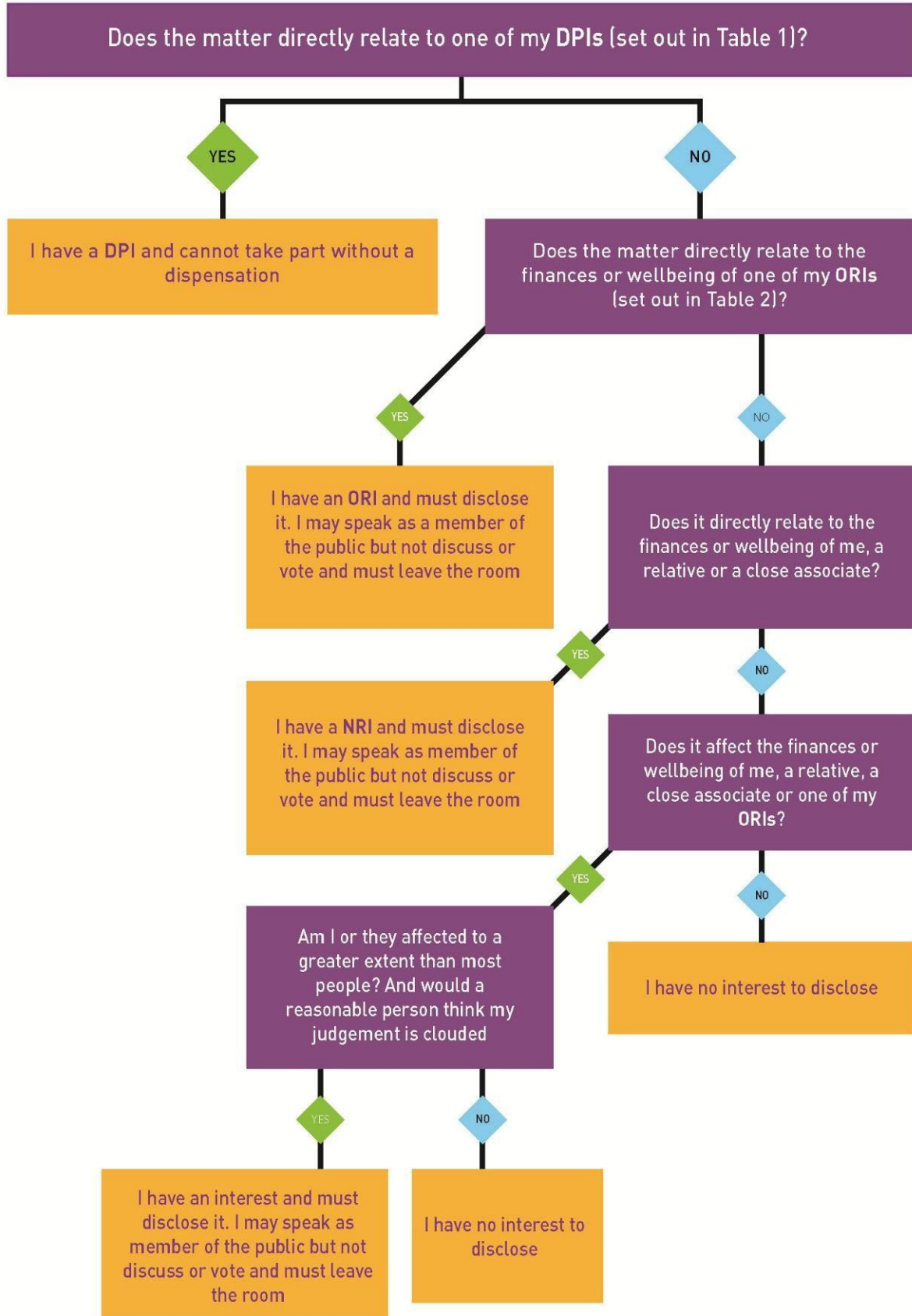
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**KEY - Declarable interests are:-**

- 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
<b>Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation</b>	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain
<b>Sponsorship</b>	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.
<b>Contracts</b>	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.
<b>Land and property</b>	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.
<b>Licences</b>	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the council for a month or longer.
<b>Corporate tenancies</b>	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.
<b>Securities</b>	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