

Date: Friday 11 April 2025 at 10.00 am

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

Cllr Lisa Evans (Chair)
Cllr Carol Clark (Vice-Chair)

Cllr Pauline Beall
Cllr Hilary Vickers
Cllr Jack Miller

Cllr Mick Moore
Cllr Sally Ann Watson

AGENDA

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To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 7th
February 2025

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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

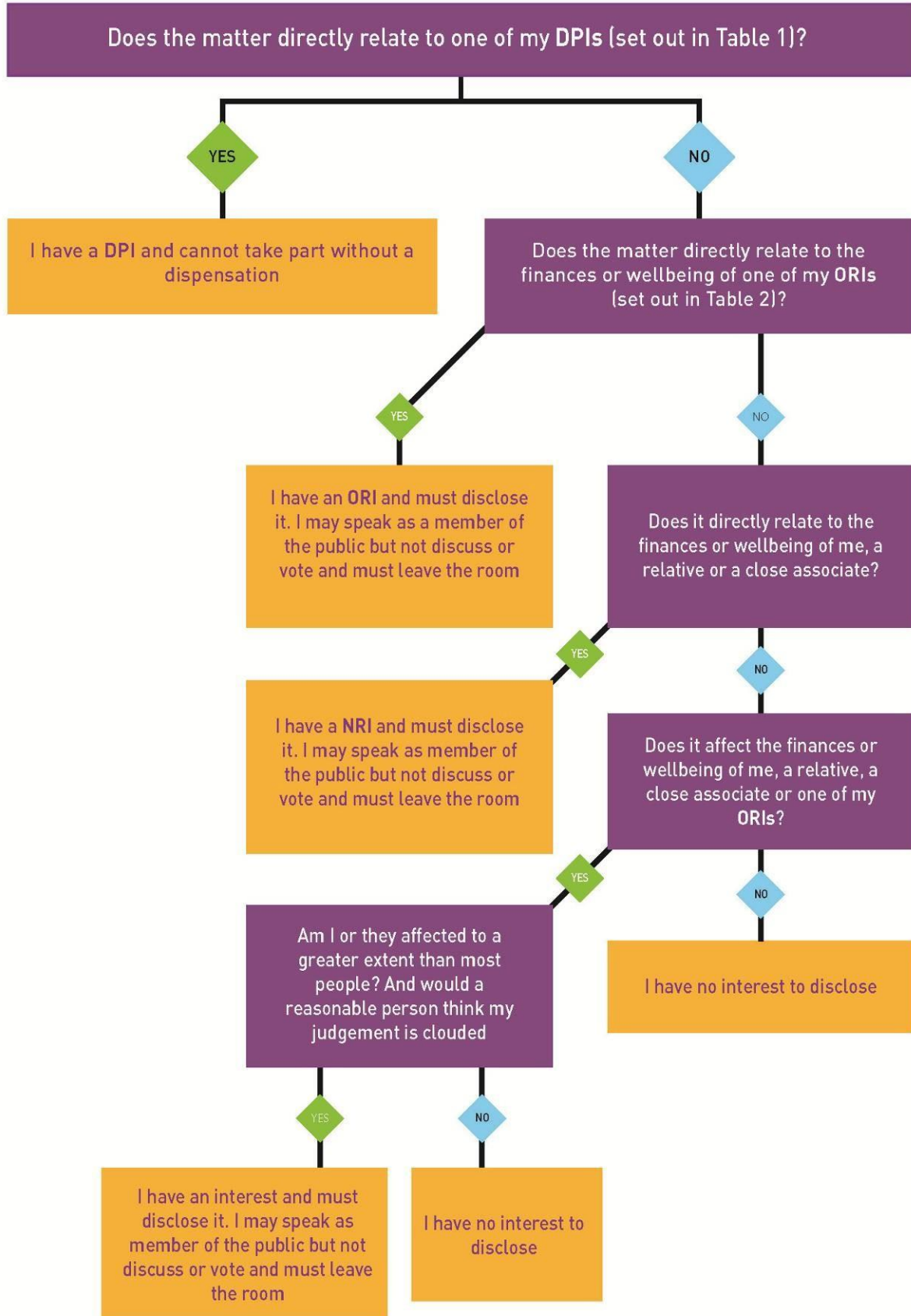


Table 1 - Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

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 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

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Corporate Parenting Board

A meeting of Corporate Parenting Board was held on Friday, 7th February 2025.

Present: Cllr Lisa Evans (Chair), Cllr Pauline Beall, Cllr Carol Clark, Cllr Mick Moore, Cllr Hilary Vickers, Cllr Jack Miller, Cllr Sally Ann Watson

Officers: Michael Henderson, Jane Smith, Debra Farrow, Angela Connor, Kellie Wigley, Louise Addison, Stuart Anderson, Chris Renehan, Majella McCarthy, Molly Larkin

Also in attendance: Ryan Davis

Apologies:

CPB Declarations of Interest

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For transparency purposes and due to frequent references to fostering, in the Board's papers, Cllr Beall explained that she served on the Fostering Panel, outside her role as a Councillor.

CPB Minutes

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The minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2024 were confirmed as a correct record, subject to the amendment of two typographical errors.

CPB Adoption Tees Valley – Bi Annual Report and Vision

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Members considered the Bi Annual Report and Vision of Adoption Tees Valley.

Discussion and key points raised:

- It was agreed that Life Long Links should connect with Adoption Tees Valley to identify a pathway.
- Members agreed that it was important that siblings maintained strong contact, if not placed together, and life long links would be helpful in this regard as letterbox contact was less likely to allow siblings to develop a close rapport with each other.
- It was noted that a children's guide to adoption was currently being modernised and updated.
- It was agreed that the Integrated Care Board would link with Adoption Tees Valley, around health issues.
- Members were provided with details of the Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy model that helped families with children who were struggling with emotional issues, such as complex trauma and attachment disorders. The model was being used by Adoption Tees Valley. The Dyadic approach was not accusatory and did not try to shame children into certain ways of behaviour.

RESOLVED that the report and discussion be noted and actioned as appropriate.

Lifelong Learning Links - Update

The Board received an update on the Lifelong Learning Links Programme.

Discussion and key points:

- 23 young people were involved in the programme.
- The programme was well known across the Council's Social Care staff and was having a positive impact
- Members discussed continuity of funding, of the Programme, and noted that a bid had been submitted to the DfE and a response was awaited. There was potential to acquire funding through the Council's Powering Our Future Programme, however, having it embedded was the ultimate goal
- Reference was made to digitalised memory boxes that everyone involved in a child's journey could contribute to. There were concerns about long term funding but it was being considered, including in house provision.
- An independent evaluation of Lifelong Links, by the DfE, would be undertaken at some point to measure the local and national outcomes. Children's Services would also evaluate the Stockton Programme and collect evidence on its impact.
- It was important to periodically assess lifelong links, as situations and circumstances could change over time.

RESOLVED that the update and discussion be noted and actioned as appropriate.

Stockton on Tees Commissioning and Sufficiency Strategy 2024-2026

Members received a presentation on the Council's Commissioning and Sufficiency Strategy 2024-2026.

The Board noted the key action of the Strategy:-

- Redefine the Strategy for Early Help within the Borough
- Embed a Family Networking Approach
- Increase Fostering Capacity
- Develop a Stockton first Approach
- Develop a clear operating model for internal Children's Residential Homes
- Register 2 new Council Care Homes with Ofsted
- Explore capital and invest to save resources to develop 2 solo children's homes
- Increase supported lodgings providers by up to 10 placements
- Develop a flexible commissioning approach for dispersed supported accommodation options for 16 – 17 year olds
- Pilot a corporate rent guarantor scheme
- Work with strategic housing and private and social landlords
- Support and upskill the Children's Services workforce
- Increase short breaks offer

- Develop a life course approach to supporting transitions for children and young people.

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Discussion and key points

- Members briefly discussed the Mockingbird Approach and how successful it had been in keeping children at home.
- The Board discussed the continued need for in-house residential provision.
- There was not an expectation that Personal Advisers would close down cases once a young person reached 21 years old, on the contrary, the principle of continued contact was encouraged.

RESOLVED that the presentation and discussion be noted and actioned where appropriate.

CPB /24 **No Limits Hub, Update**

The Board noted that this update had been provided at the last No Limits meeting and would continue to be presented at those meetings, in the future.

CPB /24 **Forward Plan**

The Board noted the Forward Plan.

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Corporate Parenting Board

Forward Plan

<u>Date</u>	<u>Item</u>
29 May 2025 6.00pm	No Limits Hub Meeting
13 June 2025 10.00am	
24 July 2025 6.00pm	No Limits Hub Meeting
13 June 2025 10.00am	Lifelong Links Programme (Kellie Wigley)
24 July 2025 6.00pm	No Limits Hub Meeting
8 August 2025 10.00am	Adoption Tees Valley – (Vicky Davidson-Boyd) Virtual School Update (Janet Wilson)
18 September 2025 6.00pm	No Limits Hub Meeting
10 October 2025 10.00am	Lifelong Links Programme (Kellie Wigley)
20 November 2025 6.00pm	No Limits Hub Meeting
12 December 2025 10.00am	Virtual School Update (Janet Wilson)
22 January 2026 6.00pm	No Limits Hub Meeting
13 February 2026 10.00am	Adoption Tees Valley – (Vicky Davidson-Boyd)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Item</u>
	Lifelong Links Programme (Kellie Wigley)
29 March 2026 6.00pm	No Limits Hub Meeting

Standing Items:

- Adoption Tees Valley – (**Vicky Davidson-Boyd**) (Usually February and August each Year)
- Corporate Parenting Performance Update (To be determined)
- Virtual School Update (**Janet Wilson**) (Usually June and December each year)
- Lifelong Links Programme (**Kellie Wigley**) (Usually October, February and June)