

**Date:**

Wednesday 1 April 2026 at 11.00 am

**Venue:**

Billingham Forum, Town Centre, The Causeway, Stockton-on-Tees, Billingham, TS23 2LJ

**Agenda**

**1. Welcome and Evacuation Procedure**

The Worshipful the Mayor will welcome everyone to the meeting and will advise all present of the premises evacuation procedure in the event of an emergency.

**2. Appointment of The Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2026/27**

The Mayor will invite nominations for the office of Mayor.

Councillor Jim Beall will propose and Councillor Eileen Johnson will second that Councillor Bob Cook 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.

The Retiring Mayoress will invest the Incoming Mayoress with the Chain of Office.

**3. Appointment of the Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2026/27**

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

Councillor Jim Beall will propose and Councillor Lisa Evans will second that Councillor Marilyn Surtees 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 Mayor's Consort with the Chain of Office.

**4. Apologies for Absence**

**5. Return of Thanks for Appointment by The Mayor**

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

**6. Return of Thanks for Appointment by the Deputy Mayor**

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

**7. Vote of Thanks to Retired Mayor**

Councillor Lynn Hall will propose and Councillor Tony Riordan 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.

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

**9. Address by the Retired Mayor**

The Retired Mayor will address the meeting.

**10. Mayor's Civic Award Scheme**

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

- Young Person Award – Ariadne Goldsmith
- Service to the Community Award – Individual – Janet Hodgson
- Service to the Community Award – Groups and Organisations – Hope Cancer Community Group
- Service to the Community Award – Business – Choco-Latte
- Health and Wellbeing Award – Stockton Volunteer Driver Service
- Green Award – Bright Minds, Big Futures
- Mayor's Special Award – Olga Maloney

**11. Presentation to Retired Mayor's Charities**

- Moses Project
- Butterwick Hospice

**12. Long Service Awards**

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

**13. Presentation of Silver Salver to Retiring Deputy Mayor**

The Retired Mayor will present the retired Deputy Mayor with a Silver Salver to thank him for his role as Deputy Mayor.

**14. Presentation of Bible to the Mayor by the Mayor's Chaplain**

Reverend Paul Neville will present the Bible to the Mayor.

**15. Presentation of Floral Arrangements**

**16. 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:-

[Constitution](#)

**17. 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:-

20 May 2026

22 July 2026

23 September 2026

18 November 2026

20 January 2027

24 February 2027 (Special - MTFP)

17 March 2027

26 May 2027 (Annual Meeting - 11.00 am)

**18. Announcement of Cabinet Members for 2026/27**

The Leader of the Council will address the meeting and will announce her Cabinet Members for 2026/27.


**19. Appointments 2026/27**

(Pages 9 - 10)

**20. Corporate Parenting Pledge**

The Mayor will sign the Corporate Parenting Pledge on behalf of the Council, accepting Members' role as Corporate Parents.

**21. The Mayor will close the Meeting**



Jonathan Nertney  
Head of Democratic Services  
24 March 2026

**Members of the Public - Rights to Attend Meeting**

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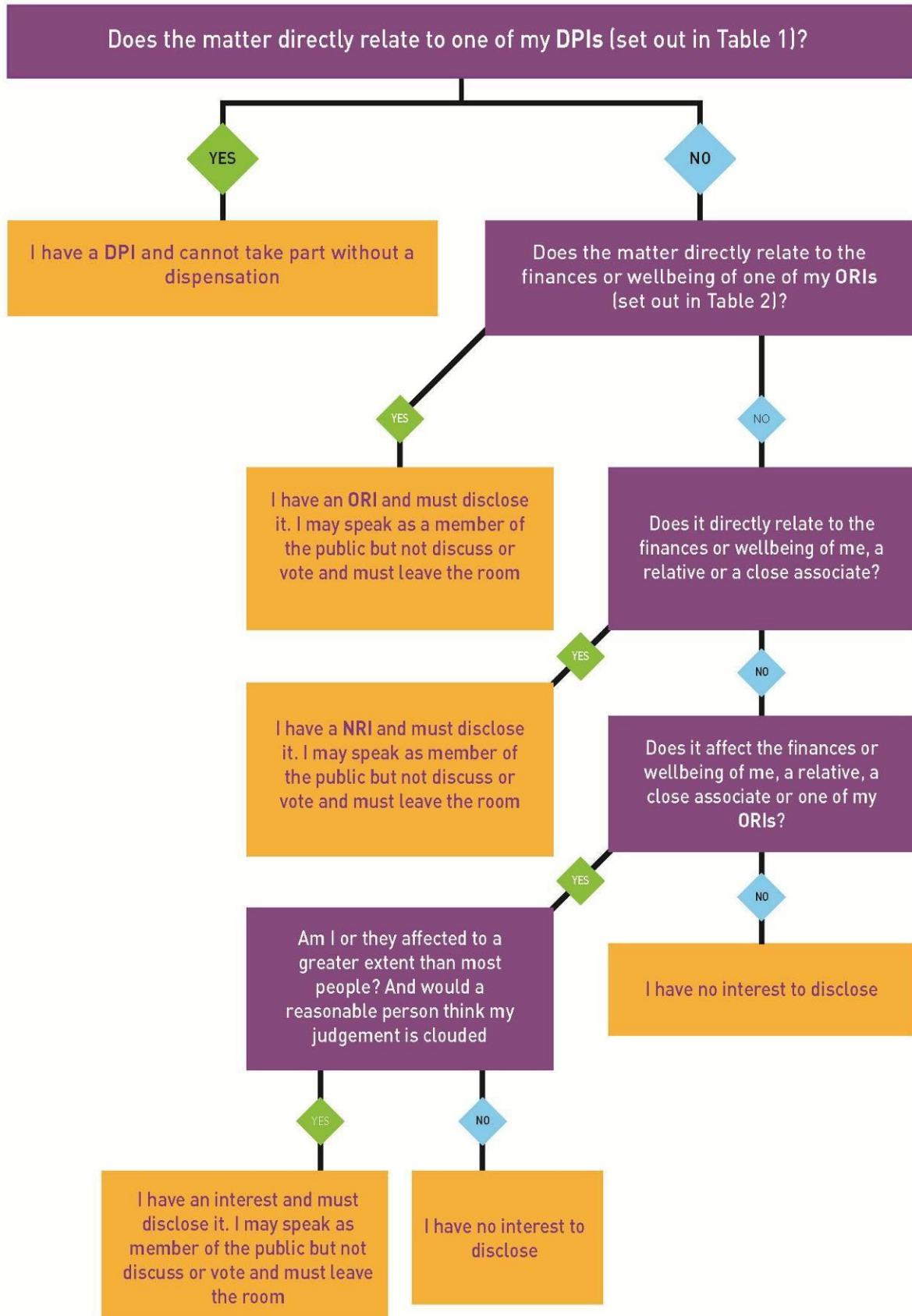
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**Key – Declarable interests are :-**

- 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**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Description</b>
<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