

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

7. Accountability

- 7.1 You are accountable to the public for your decisions and you must co-operate fully with whatever scrutiny is appropriate to your office.

PART 2 - INTERESTS

8. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

- 8.1 Subject to Paragraph 11 (sensitive interests), you must within 28 days of

- (a) this code being adopted or
- (b) your election or appointment (where that is later)

Notify the Monitoring Officer of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests where such interest is

- (i) yours,
- (ii) your spouse's or civil partner's,
- (iii) somebody with whom you are living as husband and wife or civil partners
- (iv) that of your family,
- (v) close associate.

and you are aware that that person has the interest

- 8.2 Subject to Paragraph 11, you must within 28 days of becoming aware of any new Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or any change to any such interest, notify the Monitoring Officer in writing of that new interest or change pursuant to Paragraph 8.1.

- 8.3 You have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest if it is of a description specified in [the Relevant Authorities \(Disclosable Pecuniary Interests\) Regulations 2012/1464 as specified below:](#)~~made by the Secretary of State.~~

- (i) [Any employment, office, trade, profession or carried on for profit or gain;](#)
- (ii) [Sponsorship – Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit \(other than from the relevant authority\) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by a member in carrying out their duties as a member, or towards the election expenses of the member \(this includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations \(Consolidation\) Act 1992\)](#)
- (iii) [Any contract which is made between the relevant person \(or a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest\) and the relevant authority:-](#)

(a) Under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and

(b) Which has not been fully discharged

(iv) Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the relevant authority

(v) Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the relevant authority for a month or longer

(vi) Any tenancy (where to the member's knowledge):-

a) The landlord is the relevant authority; and

b) The tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest

(vii) Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where:-

(a) That body (to the member's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the relevant authority; 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 relevant person has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of the class

8.43 Where such an interest exists and has or has not been entered onto the authority's register, you must disclose the interest to any meeting of the authority at which you are present, where you have a Disclosable Interest in any matter being considered and where the matter is not a 'sensitive interest' or where no dispensation has been given.

8.54 Following any disclosure of an interest not on the authority's register or the subject of pending notification, you must notify the Monitoring Officer in writing of the interest within 28 days beginning with the date of disclosure.

8.65 Where you have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest you must not remain in the meeting or participate in the discussions on the matter on which you hold that Interest.

9. Disclosable Non-Pecuniary Interests

9.1 Subject to Paragraph 11 (sensitive interests), you must within 28 days of

- (a) this code being adopted or
- (b) your election or appointment (where that is later)

notify the Monitoring Officer of any Disclosable Non-Pecuniary Interests.

9.2 ~~You have a Disclosable Non-Pecuniary Interests~~ are defined as (but not limited to) the following under this Code: if it is of a description specified in Regulations made by the Secretary of State.

(i) Any gift or hospitality you have received with an estimated value of £25.00 or more which must also be registered in the Gifts and Hospitality Register

(ii) Sensitive Information under Paragraph 11 of the Code of Conduct

(iii) Any body of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management and to which you are appointed or nominated by the Council

(iv) Any body:-

(a) Exercising functions of a public nature;

(b) Directed to charitable purposes; or

(c) 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 the position of general management

9.3 Where you have a Disclosable Non-Pecuniary Interest you may remain in the meeting, speak and vote on the matter unless to do would compromise your impartiality obligations or any other obligations set out in this Code.

10. Dispensations

10.1 Dispensations may be granted by the Monitoring Officer for one meeting only on request in writing from you.

10.2 Requests for Dispensations must be made in writing detailing what the interest is, why it is required and for what meeting.

10.3 Requests must be made 5 days prior to the meeting at which the Dispensation is required.