

Advice from the Service Director, Borough Solicitor in relation to declaration of interest.

Personal Interests

If your interest in an item is personal only and arises solely because it relates to or is likely to affect a 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 (such as a school governor), or
- the body exercises functions of a public nature (such as an NHS Trust)

then you need only disclose to the meeting the existence and nature of that interest (by completing the circulated schedule or verbally at the meeting) if you address the meeting on that item.

Prejudicial Interests

You do not have a prejudicial interest in an item unless:

- it affects your financial position or the financial position of a person or body with which you are linked (as described in paragraph 8 of the Members Code of Conduct, or
- it relates to the determining of any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration in relation to you or any person or body with which you are linked (as described in paragraph 8 of the Members Code of Conduct.

If you have a prejudicial interest in an item then you must disclose to the meeting the existence and nature of that interest (by completing the circulated schedule or verbally at the meeting) and must withdraw from the Council Chamber whilst the item is being discussed.

You will not need to consider whether you have a personal or prejudicial interest in a minute of a Cabinet, Committee or Panel meeting included within the minute book circulated separately to this agenda unless you, or another Member, ask a question or make a comment in relation to that minute. Please look at the schedule of questions and comments that will be provided to you prior to the start of the meeting to assist you in deciding which questions and comments you are required to declare an interest in.