

Extract from Councillors' Code of Conduct

11. Effect of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Special Interests on participation

- (1) ~~Subject to sub-paragraph (2), w~~where you have a disclosable pecuniary interest or a special interest in any business of the Council:
 - (a) you must not, unless you have obtained a dispensation from the authority, participate in any discussion or further discussion of an item of business or in any vote taken on that item which affects or relates to the subject matter in which you have such an interest and you must withdraw from the room or chamber where a meeting considering the business is being held while any discussion and/or voting takes place; ~~;~~
 - ~~(i) in a case where sub-paragraph (2) applies, immediately after making representations, answering questions or giving evidence,~~
 - ~~(ii) in any other case, whenever it becomes apparent that the business is being considered at that meeting, unless you have obtained a dispensation from your authority;~~
 - (b) you must not exercise Executive Functions in relation to that business; and
 - (c) you must not seek improperly to influence a decision about that business.
- ~~(2) Where you have a disclosable Pecuniary interest or special interest in any business of the Council, you may attend a meeting (including a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the Council or of a Sub-Committee of such a Committee) but only for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the business, provided that the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose, whether under a statutory right or otherwise.~~
- ~~(3)~~ If a function of your authority may be discharged by a Member acting alone and you have a disclosable pecuniary interest in any matter to be dealt with or being dealt with in the course of discharging that function you may not take any steps or any further steps in relation to the matter (except for the purpose of enable the matter to be dealt with otherwise than by yourself).
- (4) It is a criminal offence if, without reasonable excuse, you fail to register or disclose a disclosable pecuniary interest or participate in any discussion or vote as detailed in paragraph 11(1)-

The paragraph now reads:

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 - (b) you must not exercise Executive Functions in relation to that business; and
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- (3) It is a criminal offence if, without reasonable excuse, you fail to register or disclose a disclosable pecuniary interest or participate in any discussion or vote as detailed in paragraph 11(1)