

Standards Committee

17th July, 2017 at 6.00 p.m.

In a Conference Room at the Council House, Walsall

MEMBERSHIP:

Councillor Underhill (Chair) Councillor Andrew Councillor Bott Councillor Burley Councillor Chambers Councillor A. Ditta Councillor E. Hazell Councillor Martin Councillor Murray Councillor Sohal

Independent Persons: Dr. A. Sen Mr A. Green

Quorum:

Four Members

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AGENDA

PART I - PUBLIC SESSION

- 1. Apologies
- 2. Substitutions
- 3. Minutes of Meeting held on, 2017 **enclosed**
- 4. Declarations of Interest.

5. Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 (as amended):

To agree that the public be excluded from the private session during consideration of the agenda items indicated for the reasons shown on the agenda.

- 6. DBS Checks for Members enclosed
- 7. Elected Member Training and Development Programme **enclosed**
- 8. Review of Elected Member Complaints to follow
- 9. Date of next meeting: 2nd October, 2017.

The Relevant Authorities (Discloseable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012

Specified pecuniary interests

The pecuniary interests which are specified for the purposes of Chapter 7 of Part 1 of the Localism Act 2011 are the interests specified in the second column of the following:

| Subject | Prescribed description |
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| 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 relevant authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by a member in carrying out duties as a member, or towards the election expenses of a member. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Regulations (Consolidation) Act 1992. |
| Contracts | 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. |
| Land | Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the relevant authority. |
| Licences | Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the relevant authority for a month or longer. |
| Corporate tenancies | Any tenancy where (to a member's knowledge): |
| | (a) the landlord is the relevant authority; |
| | (b) the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest. |
| Securities | Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where: |
| | (a) that body (to a member's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the relevant authority; and |
| | (b) either: |
| | 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 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 that class. |

Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended)

Access to information: Exempt information

Part 1

Descriptions of exempt information: England

- 1. Information relating to any individual.
- 2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.
- 3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
- 4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.
- 5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
- 6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes:
 - (a) to give any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
 - (b) to make an order or direction under any enactment.
- 7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.
- 8. Information being disclosed during a meeting of a Scrutiny and Performance Panel when considering flood risk management functions which:
 - (a) Constitutes a trades secret;
 - (b) Its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the risk management authority);
 - (c) It was obtained by a risk management authority from any other person and its disclosure to the public by the risk management authority would constitute a breach of confidence actionable by that other person.