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TOURISM REVIEW WORKING PARTY

12 SEPTEMBER 2023

A meeting of the Tourism Review Working Party will be held at **5.30 pm on Tuesday, 12 September 2023** in the Virtual Meeting.

Membership:

Councillor Britcher (Chair); Councillors: Austin, D Green, Kup and Packman

AGENDA

<u>Item No</u>	<u>Subject</u>
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Do I have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and if so what action should I take?

Your Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) are those interests that are, or should be, listed on your Register of Interest Form.

If you are at a meeting and the subject relating to one of your DPIs is to be discussed, in so far as you are aware of the DPI, you **must** declare the existence **and** explain the nature of the DPI during the declarations of interest agenda item, at the commencement of the item under discussion, or when the interest has become apparent

Once you have declared that you have a DPI (unless you have been granted a dispensation by the Standards Committee or the Monitoring Officer, for which you will have applied to the Monitoring Officer prior to the meeting) you **must**:-

1. Not speak or vote on the matter;
2. Withdraw from the meeting room during the consideration of the matter;
3. Not seek to improperly influence the decision on the matter.

Do I have a significant interest and if so what action should I take?

A significant interest is an interest (other than a DPI or an interest in an Authority Function) which:

1. Affects the financial position of yourself and/or an associated person; or
Relates to the determination of your application for any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration made by, or on your behalf of, you and/or an associated person;
2. And which, in either case, a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as being so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgment of the public interest.

An associated person is defined as:

- A family member or any other person with whom you have a close association, including your spouse, civil partner, or somebody with whom you are living as a husband or wife, or as if you are civil partners; or
- Any person or body who employs or has appointed such persons, any firm in which they are a partner, or any company of which they are directors; or
- Any person or body in whom such persons have a beneficial interest in a class of securities exceeding the nominal value of £25,000;
- Any body of which you are in a position of general control or management and to which you are appointed or nominated by the Authority; or
- any body in respect of which you are in a position of general control or management and which:
 - exercises functions of a public nature; or
 - is directed to charitable purposes; or
 - has as its principal purpose or one of its principal purposes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union)

An Authority Function is defined as: -

- Housing - where you are a tenant of the Council provided that those functions do not relate particularly to your tenancy or lease; or
- Any allowance, payment or indemnity given to members of the Council;
- Any ceremonial honour given to members of the Council
- Setting the Council Tax or a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992



If you are at a meeting and you think that you have a significant interest then you **must** declare the existence **and** nature of the significant interest at the commencement of the matter, or when the interest has become apparent, or the declarations of interest agenda item.

Once you have declared that you have a significant interest (unless you have been granted a dispensation by the Standards Committee or the Monitoring Officer, for which you will have applied to the Monitoring Officer prior to the meeting) you **must:-**

1. Not speak or vote (unless the public have speaking rights, or you are present to make representations, answer questions or to give evidence relating to the business being discussed in which case you can speak only)
2. Withdraw from the meeting during consideration of the matter or immediately after speaking.
3. Not seek to improperly influence the decision.

Gifts, Benefits and Hospitality

Councillors must declare at meetings any gift, benefit or hospitality with an estimated value (or cumulative value if a series of gifts etc.) of £25 or more. You **must**, at the commencement of the meeting or when the interest becomes apparent, disclose the existence and nature of the gift, benefit or hospitality, the identity of the donor and how the business under consideration relates to that person or body. However you can stay in the meeting unless it constitutes a significant interest, in which case it should be declared as outlined above.

What if I am unsure?

If you are in any doubt, Members are strongly advised to seek advice from the Monitoring Officer or the Committee Services Manager well in advance of the meeting.

If you need to declare an interest then please complete the declaration of [interest form](#).

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Minutes of the meeting held on 24 August 2023 at 5.30 pm in the Virtual Meeting.

Present: Councillor Leo Britcher (Chair); Councillors Austin, D Green, Packman and Fellows

In Attendance:

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillor Fellows proposed Councillor Austin for chair.

Councillor Green proposed, Councillor Packman seconded and when put to the vote Members agreed that Councillor Britcher be the Chair of the Boundaries and Electoral Arrangements Working Party.

Councillor Britcher in the chair.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Kup, substituted by Councillor Fellows.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

4. TOURISM REVIEW WORKING PARTY WORK PROGRAMME

The chair introduced the item for discussion and asked Members to suggest ideas for carrying out the assignment given to the working party by the Overview and Scrutiny Panel. Members made the following comments:

- Although it had been initially agreed that this review would be conducted through a visit to different locations in the district followed by a meeting to put together findings and recommendation, there was no need for such a visit;
- Another Members said that it was however important to hold a meeting with appropriate council officers to gather evidence on the issues of focus for the review before the working party took a view on those matters;
- One Members suggested that as part of the research, the working party ought to read through the costal review working party report whose review was done in 2022, as this might inform some aspect of this investigation;
- Members agreed that the review would focus on the negative impact of tourism in relation to the impact of the following subject matters:
 - AirBnBs on rent levels in the district;
 - Parking;
 - Street cleansing services (financial impact);
 - Anti-Social Behaviour;
 - Transport;
 - Noise;
 - Second Homes;
 - Toilets;
 - Employment.

- When looking at parking it was important to look at parking charges for visitors whilst protecting local residents;
- The working party could also look at second homes to ensure that the Council was raising enough revenue. Could the Council lobby on levy levels for second homes?
- The review should investigate how the council ensured that AirBnBs were not using the Council's waste collection services without paying for such services;
- There is also a need to find out about the financial impact of visitor expenditure on tourism in the district;
- The working party could look at how other councils handle these issues arising out of the negative impact of tourism;
- Due to the limited time for conducting this review, it was pertinent that Members research on all those issues before the next meeting;
- This would include contacting the Local Government Association (LGA) to find out if there had research work done on best practices by coastal councils;
- Having discussed the number of areas to review, Members requested that the review work be conducted over a two-day period instead of the original one;
- Members agreed that Members would conduct their desk top research in September before attending a meeting in September to compare notes on their findings;

- They would then draft the working party report in October, with the final report being produced in November 2023 or January 2024;
- Members also agreed that they should complete their desk top research by 27 October 2023;
- Members agreed that their next meeting be held online at 5.30pm on 12 September;
- Senior Officers from Street Cleansing and Portfolio Holder for the service to be invited for the 12 September meeting;
- That would be followed by an in person meeting at 5.30pm on 26 September (on the same day as the September panel meeting)
- Senior Officers from Community Safety and the responsible Portfolio Holder to be invited to the 26 September meeting;
- The finalised report should be finalised by 16 January 2024.

Meeting concluded: 6.20 pm