COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Interests

(1) Subject to (2) and (3) below if a Member has a disclosable pecuniary interest as defined in paragraph 1 of Part B of the Code of Conduct or an "other" interest as defined in paragraph 12(1) of Part B the Code of Conduct in any matter to be considered, or being considered at the meeting, then the Member should declare that interest to the meeting and should leave the room whilst any discussion or vote takes place.

(2) If a dispensation has been granted to a Member in relation to a disclosable pecuniary interest then subject to the terms of the dispensation the Member may be relieved from the above restrictions but must declare the interest and the dispensation to the meeting.

(3) If a Member has an "other" interest to which paragraph 12(1) of the Council's Code of Conduct applies, the Member may attend a meeting 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, and provided that the Member leaves the room where the meeting is held immediately after making representations, answering questions or giving evidence.