



Bishop Auckland Town Council

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Town Clerk: David Anderson

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

12th February 2020

Dear Councillor,

I hereby give you notice that a special meeting of **Bishop Auckland Town Council** will be held in the **Wesley Room** at **The Four Clocks Centre** on **Tuesday, 18th February 2020 at 6.00 p.m.**

Yours sincerely

David Anderson
Clerk to the Council

AGENDA

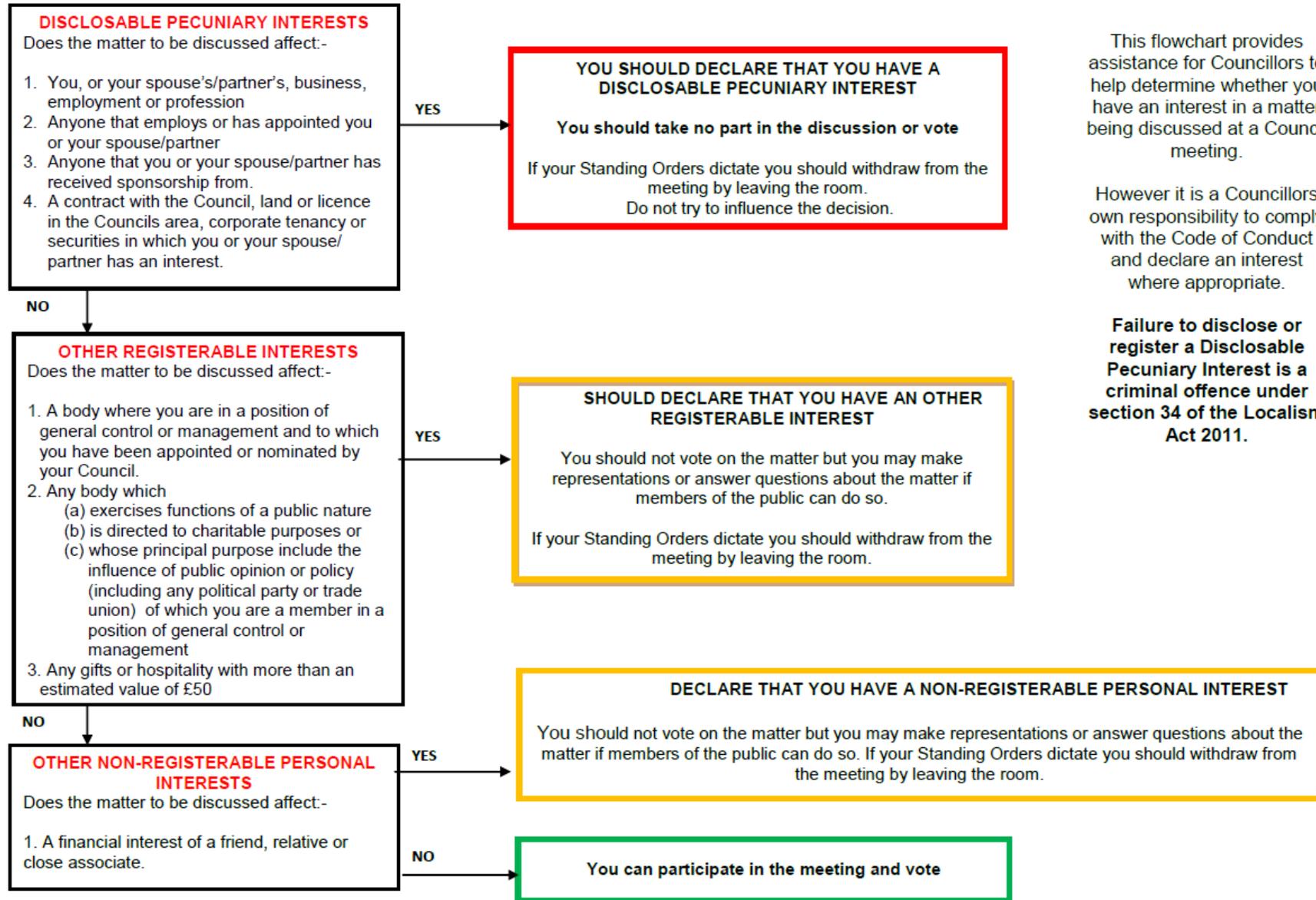
- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
To invite members to declare any interest they may have.
- 3. Public Participation**
(Subject to Public Participation Policy)
- 4. Report of Town Clerk**
 1. Resignation of Councillor
 2. Vacancies on Committees
 3. Water Supply, Mill Race Allotments

Exclusion of Press and Public

In accordance with the provisions of Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council do now exclude the press and public for the remaining item on the agenda by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted since publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest.

- 5. Report of Town Clerk continued**
 4. Office Accommodation.

DO I HAVE AN INTEREST?



This flowchart provides assistance for Councillors to help determine whether you have an interest in a matter being discussed at a Council meeting.

However it is a Councillors own responsibility to comply with the Code of Conduct and declare an interest where appropriate.

Failure to disclose or register a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest is a criminal offence under section 34 of the Localism Act 2011.

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18th February 2020Item No 4. Report of Town Clerk

1. RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR

Darren Newton Woods has resigned from the Town Council with effect from 30th January 2020.

Durham County Council's Electoral Services have been informed. A Notice of Vacancy has been prepared and posted on the Town Council's website and physically posted on the Council's notice board and within the ward.

RECOMMENDED: That the information be noted.

2. VACANCIES ON COMMITTEES

There are a number of vacant seats on committees, which has increased as a result of the resignation of a councillor outlined above. It is suggested that Members consider making appointments to the vacancies so that the Council can continue to make lawful decisions.

Seats are allocated in accordance with political balance rules as agreed at the Council meeting held on 7th May 2019. (Minute No's TC.9/19 to TC.17/19 refer). Vacancies detailed below identify where nominations are sought. Vacancies which arise from the resignation of the councillor are to be allocated to the new member to ensure that seats on committees continue to be allocated on the basis of political balance.

Allotments and Environment Committee

Councillor Dave Fleming (Chairman)
Councillor Jack Cullen (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Jamie Blackburn
Vacancy (Independent Member)
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Vacancy (New Member)

Disciplinary and Grievance Appeals Panel

(N.B. Cannot sit on both Human Resources and Disciplinary and Grievance Appeals Panel.)

Councillor Dave Fleming (Chairman)
Councillor Adam Zair
Vacancy (New Member)

Events Committee

Councillor Lee Brownson (Chairman)
Councillor Jamie Blackburn (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Joy Allen
Councillor Leanda Chappell
Councillor Lesley Zair
Vacancy (New Member)

Human Resources Committee

Councillor Jamie Blackburn (Chairman)
Councillor Jack Cullen (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Joy Allen
Councillor Lee Brownson
Councillor Sam Zair
Vacancy (Independent Member)

Planning Committee

Councillor Jack Cullen (Chairman)
Councillor David Wilson (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Joy Allen
Councillor Adam Zair
Councillor Lesley Zair
Vacancy (New Member)

Policy and Strategy Committee

Councillor Jamie Blackburn (Chairman)
Councillor Joy Allen
Councillor Jack Cullen
Councillor Sam Zair
Vacancy (Independent)
Vacancy (New Member)

Youth Council Committee

Councillor Jack Cullen (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Jamie Blackburn
Councillor Lee Brownson
Councillor Adam Zair
Vacancy (Independent)
Vacancy (New Member)

RECOMMENDED: That nominations be sought for the above vacancies, apart from those to be allocated to the new member

3. WATER SUPPLY, MILL RACE ALLOTMENTS

The water supply to Mill Race Allotments has been turned off since November 2019 due to a burst water supply pipe. A water company AUS Ltd were tasked with locating and repairing the burst pipe. This has led to around 25 meters of pipework being replaced from the mains stop tap at Hexham Street. However, this has not entirely rectified the problem. AUS Ltd has advised that due to the age and condition of the pipe the most cost effective solution would be to replace the remainder of the water pipe to the isolation tap located on Bridge Road.

The following companies have been asked to quote for the replacement of approximately 365 meters of 25mm mdpe water pipe. (Alphabetical order)

- a. AUS Ltd
- b. Drainage & Groundwork Services Ltd
- c. Teesdale Building & Construction

The following quotations have been received. (Numerical order)

- 1. £2,340
- 2. £3,100
- 3. £6,880

The lowest quotation was received from Teesdale Building & Construction

RECOMMENDED: That Teesdale Building & Construction's quotation in the sum of £2,340 be accepted.