



Bishop Auckland Town Council

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To all Members of the Allotment and Environment Committee

Cllr M Siddle (Chair), and Cllr R Elliott, Cllr J Fox, Cllr M Harker, Cllr A Legge, Cllr T Redmond and Cllr L Zair

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of **Allotment and Environment Committee** on **Tuesday 3rd March 2026 6.30pm** The Meeting will take place at **Town Council Offices, 54 Kingsway, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7JF.**

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend. However, in light of room capacity we ask that where possible people are asked to register attendance to do so please call 01388 207110 or email council@bishopauckland-tc.gov.uk by midday Monday 2 March 2026.

The Chairman advises members of the Council and the public that the meeting or part of the meeting may be recorded by audio and may be by video.

Yours sincerely

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Sarah Harris

Clerk to the Council

1. **Apologies for absence** - To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence.
2. **Declarations of interest** - To record declarations of interest from members on any item on the agenda, including any interest prejudicial or personal as recorded on the Members register of interests.
3. **Action log**
4. **Allotments Update**
 - a. Allotment landscape (waiting lists, plot vacancies, etc)
 - b. Site Works
 - i. Mill Race water update
 - c. Contributions to associations
 - d. Drone orthomosaic images of sites prior to inspections
5. **Environment**
 - a. Environment Working Group – verbal update
 - b. Floral Displays 2026 – verbal update
 - i. Community Volunteers Bob Hardesty Drive
 - ii. Request for a flower photo competition to run to help with images for the web page
6. **Meeting Schedule**
 - a. Individual sites catch up meetings schedule
7. **Public Participation** - To hear from any members of the public subject to¹.
8. *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,*

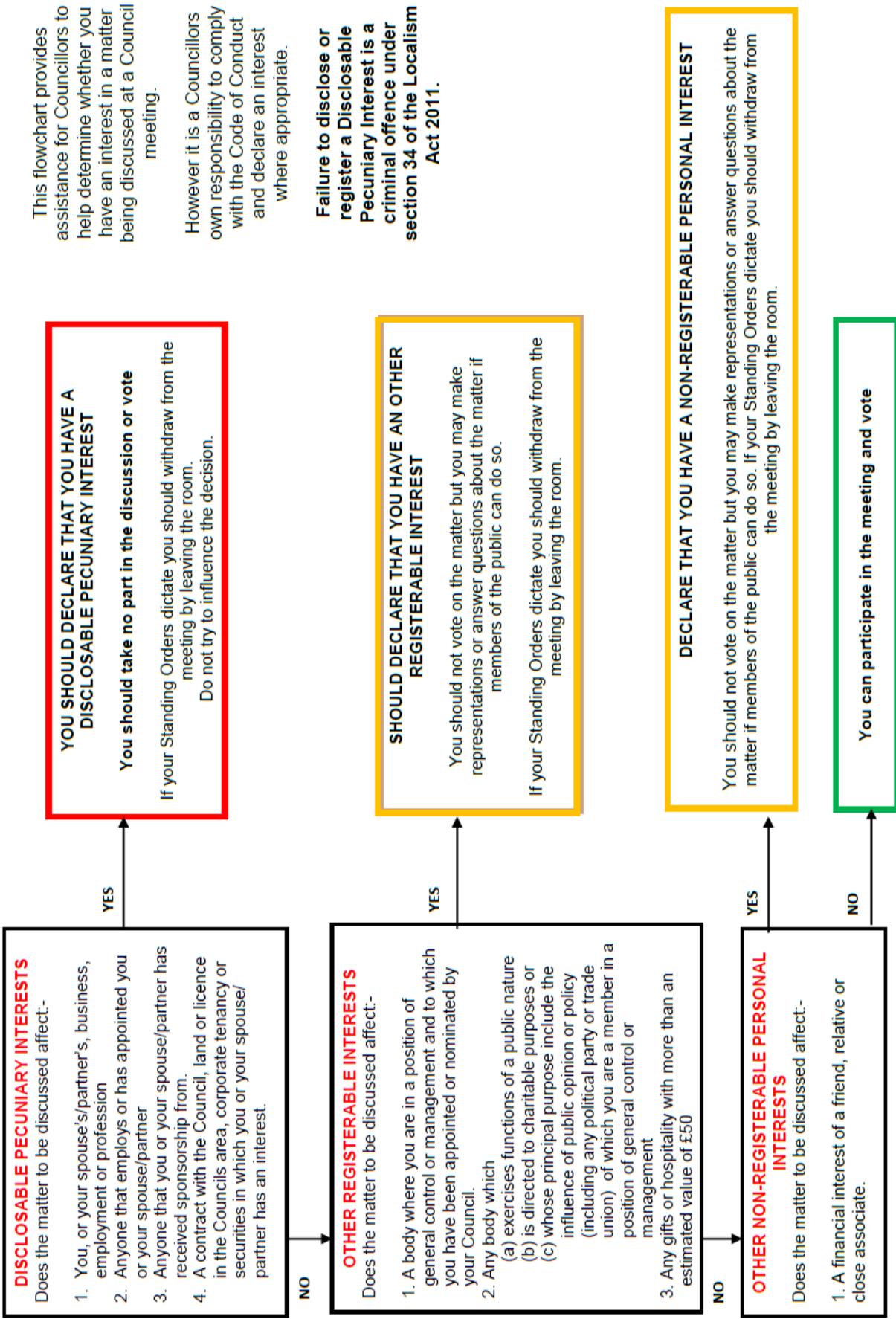
¹ The policy is available on the website at <https://bishopauckland-tc.gov.uk/council/constitution-and-policies/>

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.

9. Strategy and Action Plan Development

- a. Strategy and action updates including process with Secretary of State and leases
 - i. Sale of Broken Banks Allotment Plots
 - ii. Toronto
- b. South Church

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.