



Bishop Auckland Town Council

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9 May 2023

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Annual Meeting of Bishop Auckland Town Council on 16 May 2023 at 6.30pm**. The Meeting will take place at **Town Council Offices, Kingsway court, 54 Kingsway, Bishop Auckland**. The Meeting will follow the Annual Parish Meeting.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend. However, in light of coronavirus restrictions, it is requested that attendance is registered with the Town Clerk prior to ensure that the meeting space is large enough to accommodate everyone safely. To register attendance please call 01388 207110 or email council@bishopauckland-tc.gov.uk by Monday 15th May 2023.

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

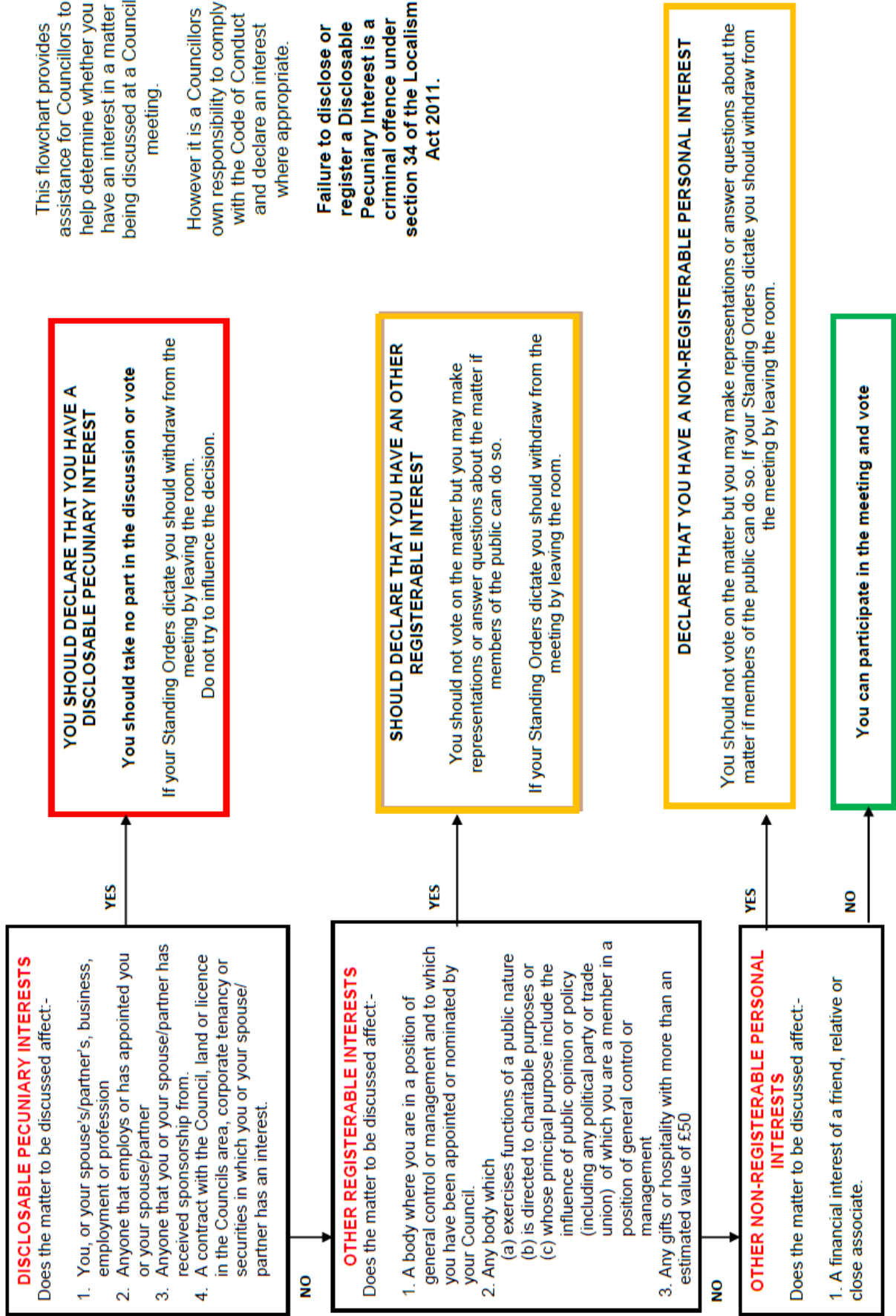
Sarah Harris
Clerk to the Council

AGENDA

1. **Election of Mayor** - To elect a Mayor for the 2023-24 Municipal Year.
2. **Declaration of Acceptance of Office** - The Mayor will sign a declaration of acceptance of office.
3. **Presentation to Retiring Mayor** - A vote of thanks will be taken for the retiring Mayor, who will then be presented with a medal to commemorate his term of office.
4. **Apologies for absence** – to receive and consider acceptance of any apologies received.
5. **Declarations of Interest** - To invite members to declare any interest they may have.
6. **Election of Deputy Mayor** - To elect a Deputy Mayor for the 2023-24 Municipal Year.

7. **Declaration of the Acceptance of Office for the Deputy Mayor** - The Deputy Mayor will, to sign a declaration of acceptance of office.
8. **To re-confirm the Articles and, Responsibilities Rules of Procedure, Codes and Protocols of, Members Allowances of Bishop Auckland Town Council Constitution.**
To Consider the Constitution and any changes, this includes the adoption of the Members Code of Conduct, to include the Declaration of Pecuniary Interests.
9. **Appointments to Committees, Panels, Outside Bodies and Working Parties** -
To appoint Members to serve on Committees, Panels, Outside Bodies and Working Groups.
10. **Diary of Meetings 2023-24** - To consider a diary of meetings for 2023-24
11. **Diversity Statement** – to resign the statement for the coming year
12. **Bishop Auckland Town Council End of Year Finance Report – including AGAR and Internal Audit Report**
13. **Public Participation** - To hear from any members of the public subject to [Public Participation Policy](#)
14. **Minutes** - To approve the Minutes of the following meetings:
 - Town Council 18 April 2023
 - Policy & Strategy Committee 20 April 2023
15. **Matters Arising** - To receive any matters arising from the above Minutes which are not included elsewhere on the agenda (for information only).
16. **Report of Town Clerk**
 - a. Car Park Contract update
 - b. Coronation Celebrations
 - c. Finance
 - i. Payments for authorisation
 - ii. Community Fund Application – Street Food Market
17. **Correspondence** – to consider items of correspondence received by the Council, including draft recommendations for new electoral arrangements

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.