

JOINT DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE MEETING – 22nd January 2025

Amendment Sheet

AGENDA ITEM: 4 - Scheme of delegation

Page 113, Paragraphs 3.10 – 3.12 - update to the following:

Pecuniary Interests

- 3.10 Pecuniary interests are defined in regulations. Interests which fall into this category are those which include but are not limited to business, employment, trade, profession, contract and wider financial interests, assets such as land, payments, securities, and shares. All Planning Committee Members are encouraged to seek advice from the Monitoring Officer or the Legal Adviser to the Committee where they have any concerns as to whether a pecuniary interest exists.
- 3.11 Any Planning Committee Member with a pecuniary interest must, following declaration of the interest at the committee meeting immediately recuse themselves from the meeting and take no further part in the discussion on the application. Members can remain in the Chamber should they wish to do so but must sit in the public gallery until the item has been determined.
- 3.12 As a member (and not just a member of planning committee) there are things you should avoid if you have a disclosable pecuniary interest. These include the following:
- You should avoid representing ward or local views on a matter in which you have such an interest. In these circumstances it is appropriate to ask another ward councillor to take on this role;
 - You should avoid getting involved in the processing of the application by using your position as a councillor to get access to officers or papers;
 - You should not lobby other members of the Council, including the circulation of letters or emails, or by raising the matter in group or similar meetings;
 - You may address the meeting that considers the application or other matter in the same way that members of the public may address the meeting. However you should then withdraw from the meeting (formal or informal) at which the matter is under consideration, you can remain in the meeting room, and if you do you should sit in the “public gallery”. ;

- To reiterate the advice in 3.1 above, if you are a member of planning committee you must avoid representing your ward or any local views on a planning matter in which you have a disclosable pecuniary interest. You can discuss your views with another local ward member but lobbying should be avoided (see 4.12, 4.13) In these circumstances it is appropriate to ask another ward member to take on this role of representing the ward for you .
- If you are submitting your own planning application, or have a disclosable pecuniary interest in a planning application, you should be particularly careful to avoid any impression of either seeking or receiving special treatment. You should also make sure that the relevant Delivery Manager is aware of the interest. You may wish to consider employing an agent to act on your behalf in dealing with officers and/or addressing the committee. However, as mentioned above, you may exercise the same speaking rights as are afforded to members of the public at the planning committee meeting where your application is to be determined, provided that you then withdraw from the meeting when the item is considered and remain (as a member of the public would) within the public gallery.