

## **Supplementary MOAN on declarations of interest for this meeting**

### **Council Meeting Feb 2025**

**Do I have to declare an interest in the Pay Policy Statement if my partner or another family member works for the Council or if I work for a Trade Union engaged in negotiations around pay? (based on FAQ 16).**

No. this report merely sets the pay policy and does not affect the finances of any particular individual and is not influenced directly by any TU negotiations.

**Do I have to declare an interest in an item of business that relates to or affects a library or leisure centre which I or a family member belongs to? (based on FAQ 17).**

This is not a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest. The test for whether to declare any other type of non-disclosable pecuniary interest or any other interest at a meeting is to ask yourself whether a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts reasonably regard your interest as so significant that it would be likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest. If the answer to this question is yes, then you should register the interest and/or declare it at a meeting where the item is relevant to business being transacted (paragraph 8.6 of the Code of Conduct).

Many people in the borough will belong to a library or will have family members who belong to a library. Councillors who belong to a library or who have family members who belong to a library are in the same position as the majority of other residents in the borough. All libraries are potentially affected by the review. Accordingly, and having regard to the requirements of paragraph 8.6, I do not consider that members need to declare they belong to a library.

However, if you work at a library or have a close family member who works at a library which is likely to be affected, then you may have a pecuniary interest and you should consider declaring the interest at the meeting and not vote on the item.