Society of Local Council Clerks

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DECLARING INTERESTS FLOWCHART – QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF

What matters are being discussed at the meeting?

Personal Interest

Do any relate to my interests?

A Does it affect my entries in the Register of Interests?

OR

B Does if affect the well being or financial position of me, my partner, my relatives or my friends or my, my partner's, my relatives' or my friends':

- jobs, employers or businesses;
- companies in which I or they are a director or where I or they have a shareholding of more than £5,000 (nominal/face value);
- business partnerships; and
- the following organisations where I or they hold a position of general control or management:
  - other bodies where I or they represent the authority;
  - other public authorities;
  - companies, industrial and provident societies and charitable bodies;
  - bodies whose main purpose is to influence public opinion or policy; and
  - trade unions or professional associations

More than other people in the authority's area?

NO → **You can participate in the meeting and vote**

YES → You may have a personal interest in the matter → **Disclose the existence & nature of your interest**

Prejudicial Interest

Would a member of the public – If he or she knew all the facts – reasonably think that personal interest was so significant that my decision on the matter would be affected by it?

NO → **You can participate in the meeting and vote**

YES → You may have a prejudicial interest →

This matter relates to:

- another authority of which I am a member;
- another public authority in which I hold a position of general control or management;
- other bodies where I represent the authority;
- statutory sick pay where I am in receipt of, or are entitled to, such pay from my authority; or
- allowances or payments made under sections 173-175 of the Local Government Act 1972 or section 18 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989

And, considering whether or not it is appropriate I participate in the decision making, do I regard myself as not having a prejudicial interest?

YES → **You can participate in the meeting and vote**

NO → **Also, withdraw from the meeting by leaving the room or chamber. Do not try to improperly influence the decision**