



MEETING : EAST HERTS COUNCIL AND STEVENAGE
BOROUGH COUNCIL JOINT REVENUES AND
BENEFITS COMMITTEE

VENUE : SHIMKENT ROOM, DANESHILL HOUSE,
STEVENAGE

DATE : TUESDAY 23RD OCTOBER, 2012

TIME : 6.00 PM

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

EAST HERTS COUNCIL:

Councillor Michael Tindale (Chairman)
Councillors: L Haysey and G McAndrew.

Substitutes: P Moore.

(Note: Substitution arrangements must be notified by the absent Member to Democratic Services 24 hours before the meeting).

STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Councillors: S Batson, Mrs J Lloyd (Vice-Chairman) and A Webb

Substitutes:

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DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

1. A Member, present at a meeting of the Authority, or any committee, sub-committee, joint committee or joint sub-committee of the Authority, with a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) in any matter to be considered or being considered at a meeting:
 - must not participate in any discussion of the matter at the meeting;
 - must not participate in any vote taken on the matter at the meeting;
 - must disclose the interest to the meeting, whether registered or not, subject to the provisions of section 32 of the Localism Act 2011;
 - if the interest is not registered and is not the subject of a pending notification, must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days;
 - must leave the room while any discussion or voting takes place.
2. A DPI is an interest of a Member or their partner (which means spouse or civil partner, a person with whom they are living as husband or wife, or a person with whom they are living as if they were civil partners) within the descriptions as defined in the Localism Act 2011.
3. The Authority may grant a Member dispensation, but only in limited circumstances, to enable him/her to participate and vote on a matter in which they have a DPI.
4. It is a criminal offence to:
 - fail to disclose a disclosable pecuniary interest at a meeting if it is not on the register;
 - fail to notify the Monitoring Officer, within 28 days, of a DPI that is not on the register that a Member disclosed to a meeting;
 - participate in any discussion or vote on a matter in which a Member has a DPI;

- knowingly or recklessly provide information that is false or misleading in notifying the Monitoring Officer of a DPI or in disclosing such interest to a meeting.

(Note: The criminal penalties available to a court are to impose a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale and disqualification from being a councillor for up to 5 years.)

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest
2. Minutes - 19 July 2012 (Pages 5 - 8)
3. Quarterly Update (Pages 9 - 16)
4. Urgent Part 1 Business

To consider any Part I Business accepted by the Chair as urgent.

5. Exclusion of Press and Public

To consider the following motions:

1. That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in paragraphs 1-7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act as amended by SI2006 No.88.
2. That Members consider the reasons for the following reports (if any) being in Part II and determine whether or not maintaining the exemption from disclosure of the information contained therein outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

6. Urgent Business

To consider any Part II Business accepted by the Chair as urgent.