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**MEETING** : FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE  
**VENUE** : COUNCIL CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS, HERTFORD  
**DATE** : WEDNESDAY 16 OCTOBER 2019  
**TIME** : 7.00 PM

**PLEASE NOTE TIME AND VENUE**

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

Councillor Geoffrey Williamson (Chairman)  
Councillors A Alder, K Crofton (Vice-Chairman), I Devonshire,  
M Goldspink, G McAndrew, C Redfern, M Stevenson, T Stowe and  
A Ward-Booth

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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.

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## AGENDA

### 1. Apologies

To receive apologies for absence.

### 2. Chairman's Announcements

### 3. Declarations of Interest

To receive any Members' declarations of interest.

### 4. Minutes - 22 August 2019 (Pages 7 - 12)

### 5. Exclusion of the Press and Public

To move that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting during discussion of Essential Reference Paper 'B' of Agenda Item 6 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act of the following description:

"Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information").

### 6. Consideration of Acquisition (Pages 13 - 24)

### 7. Urgent Business

To consider such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration and is not likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information.

