

1. DO I HAVE AN INTEREST?

When's this important?

In informal meetings, Committees. Working Groups.
When contacting and discussing with officers and other members.
When calling or writing to the Council
Whether there is a decision to be taken or not does not matter.

What kind of things create interests?

Things which are likely to affect the wellbeing or financial circumstances of:

Myself

My Family

Partners

People with whom I have a close personal contact

Things which relate to or are likely to affect

My employer

My business,

My home or land which I own or have on a tenancy

Charities, bodies, authorities, clubs or movements of which I am a member or manage.

A school at which I am a Governor

A Scrutiny Committee scrutinising my decisions

IF YOU ARE UNSURE-TAKE ADVICE

Iwan Evans –
Monitoring
Officer

Rhun Ap Gareth –
Senior Solicitor
(Deputy
Monitoring
Officer),

Sion Huws- Senior
Solicitor

2. WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Always be transparent and open

Make a clear statement that you have an interest

Explain exactly what it is

Do this as soon as you realise that you have an interest

DISPENSATIONS

You can apply to the Standards Committee for permission to participate. This is on certain specific grounds and subject to a public interest test. **ASK FOR ADVICE**

How significant is the interest?

If it appears significant enough to colour your opinion:

Do not participate at all (i.e leave the room when the matter is being considered)

Don't try and influence the matter

Don't contact members or officers to try and brief or direct them.

"Don't decide on the basis of your own opinion only

consider what a member of the public might think"

(there are exceptions for some bodies of a public nature or bodies to which you have been appointed by the Council)

WHEN YOU NEED TO GET IN CONTACT

If you need to contact the Council (e.g. about services you or your family or business need) then you need to declare that you are not acting as a councillor.

This should be done at the outset.

You cannot use your access to officers as a member for your own personal benefit.

You must use only use facilities which are available to the public.