

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PARAGRAPH 4.1 OF THE COUNCILLORS' CODE OF CONDUCT

### “4.1 Registration of Interests

You must register in the Council’s Register of Members’ Interests your Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and your Personal Interests as set out in Appendix 2. You must Do so by writing to the Monitoring Officer within 28 days of:

- Your appointment as a Member of the Council; and
- Any change taking place in your interests.

It is a criminal offence if a member:

- (1) fails without reasonable excuse to inform the monitoring officer of any disclosable pecuniary interests which that member has before the end of the period of 28 days beginning with the day on which he or she became a member or provides information that is false or misleading knowing that the information is false or misleading or is reckless as to whether the information is false and not misleading; or
- (2) fails without reasonable excuse to inform the Monitoring officer of any disclosable pecuniary interests which that member has which are not already registered in the register of members’ interests, before the end of the period of 28 days beginning with the day on which he or she is re-elected as a Member or provides information that is false or misleading knowing that the information is false or misleading or is reckless as to whether the information is false and not misleading; or
- (3) fails without reasonable excuse, at any meeting of the Council or of any committee, sub-committee, joint committee or joint sub-committee at which he or she is present, to declare any disclosable pecuniary which that member is aware that he or she has in any matter which is to be, or is being, considered at such meeting or provides information that is false or misleading knowing that the information is false or misleading or is reckless as to whether the information is false and not misleading; or
- (4) fails without reasonable excuse to inform the monitoring officer with 28 days of disclosing any disclosable pecuniary interests at a meeting of the Council or of any committee, sub-committee, joint committee or joint sub-committee if that interest is not registered in the register of members’ interests or is not subject to a pending notification or provides information that is false or misleading knowing that the information is false or misleading or is reckless as to whether the information is false and not misleading. (Section 34 Localism Act 2011)

**Where the Monitoring Officer is made aware of circumstances which may constitute a criminal offence under section 34, they will report the matter to the Police for their investigation before undertaking their own enquiries.**

**Failure without reasonable excuse to register a Disclosable Pecuniary or Personal Interest-is a breach of this Code**