

DECLARING PERSONAL INTERESTS

You have a **personal interest** in any business of the Council where it relates to or might affect:

- a) An interest that you must register
- b) An interest that you haven't registered but where the well-being or financial position of you, your family or people with whom you have a close association are likely to be affected more than the general population

If you declare a **personal interest** you can remain in the meeting and may speak and/or vote on the matter unless your personal interest is also a **prejudicial interest**

You must declare a personal interest before the matter is discussed or as soon as it becomes apparent to you. Even if you have registered your interest you must still declare it when related matters are discussed unless an **exemption** applies.

An **exemption** applies where your interest arises solely from your membership of, or position of control or management on any body to which you were nominated by Council and/or any other body of a public nature (eg another local authority). In these exceptional cases, provided you do not have a prejudicial interest you only need to declare an interest if and when you speak on the matter

DECLARING PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

Your personal interest will also become a **prejudicial interest** if all of the following conditions are met:

- a) The matter does not fall within one of the exemptions
- b) The matter affects your financial interests or relates to a licensing or regulatory matter
- c) A member of the public who knows the relevant facts would reasonably think that your personal interest is so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest

If you have a prejudicial interest you must declare it as soon as it becomes apparent to you. You must then immediately leave the room unless a public speaking scheme applies in which case you must leave immediately afterwards. **You may not remain in the public gallery**. In addition you must not seek to improperly influence a decision in which you have a prejudicial interest.

Finally if in any doubt whatever contact:

Eleanor Hoggart - Monitoring Officer - 01522 552542 - email
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Ann Good, Democracy Manager/Member Services Ext 395 or any Member Services Officer

NB: The information contained above relates to the Code of Conduct adopted by East Lindsey District Council.