

**MEMBERS INTERESTS 2012**

A Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest in any matter considered at a meeting must disclose the interest to the meeting at which they are present, except where it has been entered on the Register.

A Member with a non pecuniary or pecuniary interest in any business of the Council must disclose the existence and nature of that interest at commencement of consideration or when the interest becomes apparent.

Where sensitive information relating to an interest is not registered in the register, you must indicate that you have an interest, but need not disclose the sensitive information.

Please tick relevant boxes

Notes

	<b>General</b>		
1.	I have a disclosable pecuniary interest.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>You cannot speak or vote and must withdraw unless you have also ticked 5 below</i>
2.	I have a non-pecuniary interest.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>You may speak and vote</i>
3.	I have a pecuniary interest <b>because</b> it affects my financial position or the financial position of a connected person or, a body described in 10.1(1)(i) and (ii) <b>and</b> the interest is one which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice my judgement of the public interest or it relates to the determining of any approval consent, licence, permission or registration in relation to me or a connected person or, a body described in 10.1(1)(i) and (ii) <b>and</b> the interest is one which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice my judgement of the public interest	<input type="checkbox"/>          <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>You cannot speak or vote and must withdraw unless you have also ticked 5 or 6 below</i>          <i>You cannot speak or vote and must withdraw unless you have also ticked 5 or 6 below</i>
4.	I have a disclosable pecuniary interest (Dispensation 16/7/12) or a pecuniary interest but it relates to the functions of my Council in respect of:  (i) Housing where I am a tenant of the Council, and those functions do not relate particularly to my tenancy or lease.  (ii) school meals, or school transport and travelling expenses where I am a parent or guardian of a child in full time education, or are a parent governor of a school, and it does not relate particularly to the school which the child attends.  (iii) Statutory sick pay where I am in receipt or entitled to receipt of such pay.  (iv) An allowance, payment or indemnity given to Members  (v) Any ceremonial honour given to Members  (vi) Setting Council tax or a precept under the LGFA 1992	<input type="checkbox"/>          <input type="checkbox"/>          <input type="checkbox"/>          <input type="checkbox"/>          <input type="checkbox"/>          <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>You may speak and vote</i>          <i>You may speak and vote</i>
5.	A Standards Committee dispensation applies (relevant lines in the budget – Dispensation 20/2/13 – 19/2/17)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>See the terms of the dispensation</i>
6.	I have a pecuniary interest in the business but I can attend to make representations, answer questions or give evidence as the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>You may speak but must leave the room once you have finished and cannot vote</i>

**'disclosable pecuniary interest'** (DPI) means an interest of a description specified below which is your interest, your spouse's or civil partner's or the interest of somebody who you are living with as a husband or wife, or as if you were civil partners and you are aware that that other person has the interest.

**Interest**

Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation

Sponsorship

**Prescribed description**

Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.

Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the relevant authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by M in carrying out duties as a member, or towards the election expenses of M.

	This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.
Contracts	Any contract which is made between the relevant person (or a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest) and the relevant authority— (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and (b) which has not been fully discharged.
Land	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the relevant authority.
Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the relevant authority for a month or longer.
Corporate tenancies	Any tenancy where (to M's knowledge)— (a) the landlord is the relevant authority; and (b) the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.
Securities	Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where— (a) that body (to M's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the relevant authority; and (b) either— (i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or (ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

*"body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest" means a firm in which the relevant person is a partner or a body corporate of which the relevant person is a director, or in the securities of which the relevant person has a beneficial interest; "director" includes a member of the committee of management of an industrial and provident society;*

*"land" excludes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not carry with it a right for the relevant person (alone or jointly with another) to occupy the land or to receive income; "M" means a member of a relevant authority;*

*"member" includes a co-opted member; "relevant authority" means the authority of which M is a member;*

*"relevant period" means the period of 12 months ending with the day on which M gives notice to the Monitoring Officer of a DPI;*

*"relevant person" means M or M's spouse or civil partner, a person with whom M is living as husband or wife or a person with whom M is living as if they were civil partners;*

*"securities" means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description, other than money deposited with a building society.*

**'non pecuniary interest'** means interests falling within the following descriptions:

- 10.1(1)(i) Any body of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management and to which you are appointed or nominated by your authority;
- (ii) Any body (a) exercising functions of a public nature; (b) directed to charitable purposes; or (c) one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union), of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management;
- (iii) Any easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not carry with it a right for you (alone or jointly with another) to occupy the land or to receive income.
- 10.2(2) A decision in relation to that business might reasonably be regarded as affecting your well-being or financial position or the well-being or financial position of a connected person to a greater extent than the majority of other council tax payers, ratepayers or inhabitants of the ward, as the case may be, affected by the decision.

**'a connected person'** means

- (a) a member of your family or any person with whom you have a close association, or
- (b) any person or body who employs or has appointed such persons, any firm in which they are a partner, or any company of which they are directors;
- (c) any person or body in whom such persons have a beneficial interest in a class of securities exceeding the nominal value of £25,000; or
- (d) any body of a type described in sub-paragraph 10.1(1)(i) or (ii).

**'body exercising functions of a public nature'** means

Regional and local development agencies, other government agencies, other Councils, public health bodies, council-owned companies exercising public functions, arms length management organisations carrying out housing functions on behalf of your authority, school governing bodies.

A Member with a personal interest who has made an executive decision in relation to that matter must ensure any written statement of that decision records the existence and nature of that interest.

**NB** Section 21(13) of the LGA 2000 overrides any Code provisions to oblige an executive member to attend an overview and scrutiny meeting to answer questions.

**MEMBER DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**HELD: 19 SEPTEMBER 2013**

Start: 7.00pm

Finish: 7.15pm

**PRESENT:** Councillor Greenall (Chairman)  
Councillor Mrs Houlgrave (Vice Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs Blake  
Mrs R Evans

Officers: Principal Overview and Scrutiny Officer (Mrs C A Jackson)  
Member Services/ Civic Support Officer (Mrs J Brown)

**21. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillor Owen.

**22. SUBSTITUTIONS**

There were no substitutions.

**23. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**24. MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Member Development Commission held on 19 September 2013 be noted.

**25. MEMBER TRAINING - SUMMARY OF EVENTS HELD 2012/13**

Members considered the report of the Borough Solicitor as contained on pages 5 to 11 of the Book of Reports, which provided an update on Member training undertaken during 2012/13.

Members commented on the high attendance levels at the 'In – House' training events.

RESOLVED : That the update be noted.

**26. MEMBER TRAINING - SUMMARY OF EVENTS MAY 2013 TO PRESENT**

Members considered the report of the Borough Solicitor as contained on pages 13 to 15 of the Book of Reports, which provided an update on Member training undertaken since May 2013.

RESOLVED: That the update be noted.

**27. FEEDBACK FROM MEMBER DEVELOPMENT REPRESENTATIVES**

The Chairman explained that if any training issues arose at their Group Meetings, that they would bring them to the attention of Member Services.

There were no representations made by the Labour Group Representative.

RESOLVED: That the feedback be noted.

**28. TRAINING EVENTS**

The Principal Overview & Scrutiny Officer provided an update in relation to proposed future training events including the training sessions prior to Audit and Governance Committee and training relating to the New Local Plan, Development Management – Decision making, Committees and Probity, further details of which would be circulated to Members.

RESOLVED: That the update be noted.

**29. WORK PROGRAMME**

Members considered the Work Programme and the proposed meeting date for 2014 as circulated on page 19 of the Book of Reports.

RESOLVED: That the Work Programme and the date of meeting for 2014 be noted.

**30. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held in January 2014 with a date to be agreed in consultation with the Chairman.



**AGENDA ITEM: 5**

**MEMBER DEVELOPMENT  
COMMISSION:**

**27 February 2014**

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**Report of: Borough Solicitor**

**Relevant Managing Director: Managing Director (People and Places)**

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**SUBJECT: MEMBER TRAINING – SUMMARY OF EVENTS SEPTEMBER 2013 TO  
PRESENT**

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Wards affected: Borough wide

**1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To provide an update on Member training undertaken September 2013 to present.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 That the update be noted.

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**3.0 BACKGROUND**

3.1 The Member Development Commission are kept informed periodically of the training and development undertaken by Members of the Council.

3.2 The Corporate and Environmental Overview and Scrutiny Committee are kept informed of the work of the Member Development Commission through the Notes of its meetings.

**4.0 CURRENT POSITION**

4.1 Since September 2013, Members have attended events covering a variety of subjects related to their role as elected Members and community leaders.

4.2 Appendix 1 summarises events attended by Members under the Protocol for Members Attending Conferences/Courses from September 2013 and presents information on the cost and location of training undertaken.

## **5.0 CONCLUSION**

- 5.1 Development of elected Members in their role as effective community leaders is important and the training undertaken by Members reflects the Council's commitment towards Member training and its response to emerging legislation.

## **6.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS/COMMUNITY STRATEGY**

- 6.1 On-going Member Development gives support to Members in discharging their responsibilities and in their wider community role.

## **7.0 FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 There are some financial / resource implications arising from this report in respect of the training of Members, however these will be met using existing resources.

## **8.0 RISK ASSESSMENT**

- 8.1 This item is for information only and makes no recommendations. It therefore does not require a formal risk assessment and no changes have been made to risk registers as a result of this report.

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### **Background Documents**

There are no background documents (as defined in Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) to this Report.

### **Equality Impact Assessment**

The decision does not have any direct impact on members of the public, employees, elected members and / or stakeholders. Therefore no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

### **Appendices**

1. Member Training – Summary of Events September 2013 to present.

**MEMBER TRAINING  
SUMMARY OF EVENTS ATTENDED  
September 2013 to Present**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Training Provider</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Attendees</b>
24 September 2013	Housing Self Financing Briefing	WLBC	FREE	Councillors: Ashcroft, Mrs Blake, Blane, Cropper, Dereli, Forshaw, Grant, Hopley, Jones, Oliver, Pendleton, Stephenson, Westley, Wynn <b>Total: 14</b>
25 September 2013	Localism Act 2011 - "Designated Persons" Training Session	WLBC	FREE	Councillors: Cropper, Dereli, Gagen, Hopley, Oliver, Owen, Pendleton Wilkie <b>Total: 8</b>
2 October 2013	Local Plan Briefing	WLBC	FREE	Councillors: Baldock, Bell, Mrs Blake, Blane, Cropper, Dereli, Mrs R Evans, Forshaw, Furey, Greenall, Hennessy, Houlgrave, Kay, Melling, Nolan, Oliver, O 'Toole, Owen, Pope, Stephenson <b>Total: 20</b>

25 October 2013	RTPI - Politicians in Planning Network (FREE to Planning Members) - Milton Keynes	RTPI	FREE	Councillor: Forshaw <b>Total: 1</b>
19 November 2013	North West Alcohol Summit at Anfield Liverpool Football Club	North West Employers -	FREE	Councillor: Pye <b>Total: 1</b>
20 November 2013	"What Price? Tackling cheap alcohol"(Minimum Unit Price Legislation) - Lancashire Public Health Collaborative - County Hall, Preston	Lancashire Public Health Collaborative	FREE	Councillor: Grant <b>Total: 1</b>
22 November 2013	The Changing Role of Councillors - Old wine in new bottles or a new flavour? - Manchester	North West Employers	FREE	Councillor: Forshaw <b>Total: 1</b>
26 November 2013	Ormskirk Town Centre Strategy meeting	WLBC	FREE	Councillors: Bell, Delaney, Forshaw, Greenall, Mrs Hopley, J Hodson, Oliver, Owens, Sudworth, Wright <b>Total: 10</b>
4 December 2013	Planning Training (Arranged by Planning) - PAS	Planning Advisory Service	FREE	Councillor: Forshaw <b>Total: 1</b>
9 December 2013	Parliamentary Seminar Series - London	Centre for Public Scrutiny	£40	Councillor: Pye <b>Total: 1</b>

17 December 2013	West Lancashire Highways and Transport Masterplan	WLBC	FREE	Councillors: Aldridge, Bell, Mrs Blake, Dereli, Forshaw, J Hodson, Moran, Oliver, Pendleton <b>Total: 9</b>
15 January 2014	Planning Policy Seminar with Nick Boles MP	Councillors Conservative Association	FREE	Councillor: Forshaw <b>Total: 1</b>
28 January 2014	Procurement Training	WLBC	FREE	Councillors: Cropper, Delaney, Dereli, Forshaw, Gagen, Grant, Greenall, G Hodson, Jones, Oliver, Pope, Savage, Westley <b>Total: 13</b>
30 January 2014	Planning on the doorstep: Fracking and Flooding Councillor Workshops - Sheffield	Planning Advisory Service	FREE	Councillors: Ashcroft, Atherley, Forshaw, Gagen <b>Total: 4</b>
30 January 2014	Briefing on Provision for Travellers Sites Development Plan Document	WLBC	FREE	Councillors: Baldcock, Mrs Blake, Blane, Cropper, Dereli, R Evans, Gagen, Grant, Griffiths, Mrs Hopley, Oliver, O' Toole, Owens, Pope, Westley <b>Total: 15</b>

3 February 2014	Gypsy and Travellers Issues Training	WLBC	FREE	Councillors: Aldridge, Ashcroft, Baybutt, Mrs Blake, Cropper, Davis, Dereli, C Evans, Forshaw, Gagen, Grant, Griffiths, G Hodson, J Hodson, Mrs Hopley, Houlgrave, McKay, Nolan, Oliver, Owen, Pendleton, Pope, Pryce – Roberts, Pye, Mrs Stephenson, Wright <b>Total: 26</b>
6 February 2014	Economic Development Strategy	WLBC	FREE	Councillors: Cropper, Davis, Forshaw, Furey, Grant, Greenall, Hennessy, J Hodson, L Hodson, Moran, Oliver, Owens, Pendleton, Savage, Westley, Whittington, Wright <b>Total: 17</b>
7 February 2014	Rewiring Public Services in your area: North West - setting the agenda together - Manchester	North West Employers	FREE to LGA Members	Councillors: Bell, Grant <b>Total: 2</b>

**MEMBER DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**WORK PROGRAMME 2014/15**

<p>18 September 2014 (t.b.c)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Member Training – Summary of Events held 2013/14</li> <li>2. Member Training – Summary of Events February 2014 to Present</li> <li>3. Feedback from Member Development Representatives – Oral Report</li> <li>4. Training Events – Oral Report</li> <li>5. Work Programme 2014/15</li> <li>6. Date of next meeting (t.b.c)</li> </ol>
<p>12 March 2015 (t.b.c)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Member Training – Summary of Events held 2014/15</li> <li>2. Member Training – Summary of Events September 2014 to Present</li> <li>3. Feedback from Member Development Representatives – Oral Report</li> <li>4. Training Events – Oral Report</li> <li>5. Work Programme 2014/15</li> <li>6. Date of next meeting (t.b.c)</li> </ol>