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COUNCIL

KIRKLEES METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

**At a Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Kirklees held at
the Town Hall, Huddersfield on Wednesday 21 March 2007**

PRESENT

The Mayor (Councillor Donald Firth) in the Chair

COUNCILLORS

M AHMED
M AKHTAR
I AMEEN
M BATES
P BATTYE
R BATTYE
M BLANSHARD
S M BOLT
M BOWER
T BRICE
J CALVERT
A COOPER
A E DENHAM
J DODDS
A ELLAM
D EXLEY
M FEARNLEY
G GRAILEY
J GRUNSELL
D J HALL
M HARKIN
M HEMINGWAY
D HILLAS
D HULLOCK
K HUSSAIN
M HUSSAIN
N HUSSAIN
K IQBAL
C M IREDALE
R IREDALE
B JONES
M KHAN

V LEES
R LIGHT
T LYONS
P McBRIDE
A C G MARCHINGTON
H MAYET
A MURPHY
A PALFREEMAN
S PANDOR
K N PATRICK
A C PINNOCK
K A PINNOCK
A RAISTRICK
R ROBERTS
R ROGERS
M SARWAR
D SHEARD
G SIMPSON
K D SIMS
E E SMAJE
C M L SMITH
K SMITH
J R SMITHSON
M SOKHAL
J STEWART TURNER
K TAYLOR
N TURNER
M WALTON
E WARD
L M WILKINSON
A O WOODHEAD
D YATES

105 Announcements by the Mayor and the Chief Executive

The Mayor thanked all retiring Councillors for their work and contributions to the Council and in their Wards during their term(s) of office.

Members of the three main Political Groups represented on the Council (Councillors R Light, K Smith and K Pinnock) then thanked Member(s) within their Group who were not seeking re-election on 3 May 2007 for their contributions to the Council.

There were no announcements by the Chief Executive.

106 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C Auty, G Beever, P Kane and C Stanfield.

107 Minutes

It was moved by the Mayor (Councillor D Firth), seconded by the Deputy Mayor (Councillor J Calvert) and

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the Meeting of the 'Budget' Council held on 28 February 2007 be approved and signed as a correct record.

108 Declarations of Interest

- (a) Councillor J Smithson declared a personal interest in respect of Minute 316 of Cabinet of 9 February 2007 as to Kirklees Stadium Development Ltd.
- (b) Councillor K Sims declared a personal interest in respect of Minute 316 of Cabinet of 9 February 2007 as to Kirklees Stadium Development Ltd.
- (c) Councillor J Calvert declared a personal interest in respect of Minute 316 of Cabinet of 9 February 2007 as to Kirklees Stadium Development Ltd and Minute 292 of Cabinet of 24 January 2007 as to Kirklees Community Association Future Resourcing.
- (d) Councillor D Hillas declared a personal interest in respect of item 15 of the Council Agenda as to Report of the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Review re Academy Schools.
- (e) Councillor M Fearnley declared a personal interest in respect of Minute 53 of Area Committees Advisory Committee of 13 February 2007 as to Community Buildings Review.
- (f) Councillor M Fearnley declared a personal interest in respect of Minute 332 of Cabinet of 2 March 2007 as to Council Tax Reduction Scheme.
- (g) Councillor M Khan declared a personal interest in respect of item 15 of the Council Agenda as to Report of the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Review re Academy Schools.

109 Petitions

The following petitions were submitted:

- Councillor M Ahmed - Petition objecting to the introduction of proposals to collect grey bins every two weeks.
- Councillor M Hemingway - Petition objecting to proposed three day music festival to be held late summer 2007 on the Honley Showground site near Farnley Tyas.
- Councillor N Hussain - Petition from residents of Scouthill seeking action in relation to anti-social behaviour.
- Councillor R Battye - Petition requesting a pedestrian crossing on Long Lane, Dalton, in the vicinity of the Grove Public House.
- Councillor D Hullock - Petition requesting traffic lights and better crossing facilities at the junction of Bennett Lane and Leeds Road, Dewsbury.

Councillor M Harkin - Petition objecting to the introduction of proposals to collect grey bins every two weeks.

It was moved by Councillor M Hemingway, seconded by Councillor M Harkin and

RESOLVED - That the petitions be referred to the appropriate officer for investigation and report thereon to Cabinet or appropriate Committee on action taken.

110 Council Information and Discussion Session

It was moved by the Mayor (Councillor D Firth) seconded by the Deputy Mayor (Councillor J Calvert) and

RESOLVED - That Council Procedure Rules 18(6) and 18(8) be suspended during consideration of this item.

The Chief Executive gave an overview in respect of the forthcoming Comprehensive Performance Assessment. The Chief Executive referred to the current status of the Council's performance as outlined in the Audit Commission Annual Audit and Inspection Letter for 2005/2006 included with the Council Agenda at item 10. The Chief Executive advised that the CPA Team would carry out their assessment of the Council during the last two weeks in June and were likely to hold discussions with Members of Cabinet, Members of Overview and Scrutiny and the Leaders of Opposition Groups as well as relevant officers.

Andrew Pennington of the Children and Young People Service gave an overview in respect of the Joint Area Review which would evaluate and report on the extent to which services within an area improve the life chances of children and young people. The Review would focus on the experience of children and young people within the Kirklees area across the five 'Outcomes for Children' set out in 'Every Child Matters.' Services to be reviewed would include Council services, health services, police and probation services and publicly funded services provided by community and voluntary organisations. A draft of the assessment would be available during August 2007 with publication in October.

The Chief Executive and Mr Pennington responded to Members questions on the Corporate Performance Assessment and the Joint Area Review.

The Mayor, on behalf of the Council thanked the two officers for their presentations.

111 Policing Plan for Kirklees

It was moved by the Mayor (Councillor D Firth) seconded by the Deputy Mayor (Councillor J Calvert) and

RESOLVED - That Council Procedure Rules 18(6) and 18(8) be suspended during consideration of this item.

Chief Superintendent Barry South reported on the Policing Plan for Kirklees which had been discussed between Members and Police officers on an informal basis prior to the Council meeting held on 17 January 2007. Chief Superintendent South advised that the priorities determined at those joint discussions for each of the Neighbourhood Policing areas in Kirklees had been included in the Policing Plan. Members were advised of proposals to 'move around' Police resources from time to time to combat crime in the Huddersfield South area which accounted for approximately 25% of all crime in the Kirklees area. He drew attention to an increase in the number of Police Community Safety Officers attached to each Neighbourhood Policing Team and indicated the intention that these Teams would in future, be lead by an Inspector who would have power and influence to make decisions locally. The relevant Inspector would be the first point of contact for elected Members.

Chief Superintendent South then responded to individual questions by elected Members.

The Mayor then thanked Chief Superintendent South for attending the meeting.

112 Motion approved by Council on 17 January 2007 as to Post Offices

Councillor Palfreeman (Cabinet Member for Policy Development) reported upon action taken by the Council in response to the above mentioned Motion. A copy of the response was included within the Council Agenda at item 8 and had been submitted to the Department of Trade and Industry by 8 March 2007.

It was moved by Councillor Palfreeman, seconded by Councillor Patrick and

RESOLVED - That the response to the Postal Office Network Consultation be confirmed.

113 Matters Referred from Cabinet, a Committee etc to Council for Approval/Noting

The Mayor advised that there were no additional references under this item

(a) **Reference from Cabinet of 7 March 2007 as to the Audit Commission - Annual Audit and Inspection Letter for 2005/2006**

Council considered for information, a copy of the above mentioned Annual Audit and Inspection Letter for 2005/2006.

It was moved by Councillor Light, seconded by Councillor Sims and

RESOLVED - That the Annual Audit and Inspection Letter be noted for the information of Council.

(b) **Reference from Cabinet of 24 January 2007 as to Review of Parish Electoral Arrangements**

It was moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor C Smith and

RESOLVED - That the decision of Cabinet in response to the deputation and petition received at Council on 22 September 2006 as detailed at Minute 290 of the meeting held on 24 January 2007 be noted for the information of Council.

(c) **Reference from Cabinet of 21 February 2007 as to Smoke Free Legislation**

It was moved by Councillor Bolt, seconded by Councillor Yates and

RESOLVED - That the amendments to the Officer Delegation Scheme as set out in the report circulated at item 12 of the Council Agenda as determined by Cabinet on 21 February 2007 be noted for the information of Council.

(d) **Reference from Business Managers Sub-Committee of 1 March 2007 as to Members Allowances Scheme for 2007/2008**

It was moved by Councillor Brice, seconded by Councillor Hemingway and

RESOLVED - That the Members Allowances Scheme for 2007/2008 circulated at item 13 of the Council Agenda be approved and adopted to take effect from 1 April 2007.

(e) **Reference from Cabinet of 7 March 2007 as to the Unitary Development Plan - Policy Savings**

It was moved by Councillor Sims, seconded by Councillor Iqbal and

RESOLVED -

(1) That the saving proposals as set out in Appendix 2 to the submitted report, circulated at item 14 of the Council Agenda, be approved for submission to the Secretary of State.

(2) That the Local Development Framework Member Working Party consider whether policy BE14 should continue to be included in the policies proposed to be saved and that Cabinet be authorised to determine the issue on behalf of the Council having taken into account the recommendations of the Working Party.

(In view of the urgency of the matter the Leader of the Council (Councillor Light) in his capacity as Chair of Cabinet) gave approval to the course of action outlined at part (2) above.)

114 Report of the Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Review as to Academy Schools

It was moved by Councillor Walton, seconded by Councillor K Pinnock and

RESOLVED - That the Report of the Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Review as to Academy Schools circulated at item 15 of the Council Agenda be received for the information of Council.

115 Minutes of Meetings of Cabinet and Cabinet Committees

It was moved by the Mayor (Councillor Firth), seconded by the Deputy Mayor (Councillor Calvert) and

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of meetings of Cabinet and the Cabinet Committee as set out in the Council Summons at item 16(a) and (b) be received.

(Under this heading the Cabinet Member for Policy Development (Councillor Palfreeman) made a statement on progress to date to mark World Children's Day in Kirklees as requested in the Motion approved by Council on 17 January 2007 and set out at Minute 96 of that meeting.)

116 Oral Questions to Cabinet Members on their Portfolios

This item was not considered due to the lateness of the hour.

117 Minutes of Meetings of other Committees

It was moved by the Mayor (Councillor Firth), seconded by the Deputy Mayor (Councillor Calvert) and

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of meetings of other Committees as set out in the Council Summons at item 18 be received.

118 Oral Questions to Chairs of Committees and to Council Spokespersons for Kirklees Active Leisure and Kirklees Neighbour Housing

This item was not considered due to the lateness of the hour.

119 Written Questions By Elected Members

This item was not considered due to the lateness of the hour.

120 Deputations

(a) Council received a deputation alleging the existence of secret databases held by the Council on individual members of the public

The Leader of the Council (Councillor R Light) replied thereto.

It was moved by Councillor M Hemingway, seconded by Councillor M Harkin and

RESOLVED - That the comments of the deputation be noted.

- (b) **Council received a deputation of parents supporting retention of the nurseries at Tiddlywinks, Sankofa and Cambridge Road, Huddersfield**

The Cabinet Member for Children's Services (Councillor J Dodds) replied thereto.

It was moved by Councillor M Hemingway, seconded by Councillor M Harkin and

RESOLVED - That the comments of the deputation be noted.

- (c) **Council received a deputation on behalf of Kirklees Branch of UNISON supporting retention of the nurseries at Tiddlywinks, Sankofa and Cambridge Road, Huddersfield and presented a petition in support thereof**

The Cabinet Member for Children's Services (Councillor J Dodds) replied thereto.

It was moved by Councillor M Hemingway, seconded by Councillor K Smith and

RESOLVED - That the comments of the deputation be noted and that the submitted petition be referred to the appropriate officer for investigation.

- (d) **Council received a deputation on behalf of the Sikh Temple and Leisure Centre, Springwood, Huddersfield, objecting to the introduction of Sunday Car Parking Charges and presented a petition thereon**

The Cabinet Member for Environment and Transportation (Councillor M Bolt) replied thereto.

It was moved by Councillor M Hemingway, seconded by Councillor M Harkin and

RESOLVED - That the comments of the deputation be noted and that the submitted petition be referred to the appropriate officer for investigation.

- (e) **Council received a deputation on behalf of the workers sacked by 'Unique Care' seeking an update on action taken by the Council in response to an earlier deputation to Council on 17 January 2007**

The Cabinet Member for Adult and Social Services (Councillor M Bates) and Councillor J Stewart Turner replied thereto.

It was moved by Councillor Hemingway, seconded by Councillor Harkin and

RESOLVED - That the comments of the deputation be noted.

- (f) **Council received a deputation requesting a permanent car park on Council owned land off North Road, Kirkburton, Huddersfield and submitted a petition thereon**

The Cabinet Member for Environment and Transportation (Councillor Bolt) replied thereto.

It was moved by Councillor Hemingway, seconded by Councillor Harkin and

RESOLVED - That the comments of the deputation be noted and the submitted petition referred to the appropriate officer for investigation.

Questions by Members of the Public**(a) June Jones addressed the following question to the relevant Member of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee**

"I am here supporting 'Unique Care' care workers. I am seeking clarification on this matter. I thought I heard someone saying that an investigation is taking place of the employment practices of the management of Unique Care. I hope that is what I heard. I contacted Adult and Social Services who told me that Kirklees Council were quite satisfied with the way Unique Care services are meeting their contractual obligations, they also said it was not within their remit to look at the employment practices. So I would like clarification that this investigation is taking place."

Councillor J Stewart Turner replied thereto.

(b) Charlotte John addressed the following question to the Cabinet Member for Children's Services Councillor J Dodds

"The Childcare Bill 2005 says that Children Centres will build on existing initiatives like Surestart programmes, neighbourhood nurseries etc. They do not wish to compete with existing nurseries so why do you not wish to support this Bill and why are you closing three nurseries."

The Cabinet Member for Children's Services replied thereto.

(c) Samantha Jordan addressed the following question to the Cabinet Member for Children's Services (Councillor Dodds)

"I wanted to ask you this question a few weeks ago. I want to ask you a question about the cost of the nurseries and how much expenditure you have to provide to meet the shortfall. When you take into account the large increase in numbers last year what does this work out at. What figures do you have at the moment?"

The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

(d) Joanne Mitchell addressed the following question to the Cabinet Member for Children's Services (Councillor J Dodds)

"The Childcare Bill states that it has children and families at its heart and ensures that services are planned to achieve high levels of childcare provision to be available to all those wanting that service. Is it not the case that if you look into the background of this issue about the three nurseries that the families concerned have not been involved or consulted."

The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

(e) Karen Lambert addressed the following question to the Cabinet Member for Children's Services (Councillor Dodds)

"In the Ward where I live we have the Chestnut Centre, can you tell me where these Children Centres are to be built in our community and where the children are going to go."

The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

Motion under Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Nursery Closures

It was moved by Councillor Hillas and seconded by Councillor Calvert

"This Council is aware of the very real concerns and worries that are being expressed by parents and carers of children at the three Huddersfield day nurseries which are currently threatened with closure.

This Council now believes that the provision within the joint Conservative, Liberal Democrat and Green consolidated budget amendment, which will mean the closure of these nurseries, to be a mistake, short sighted and the cause of unnecessary concern to the nursery users.

The Council therefore resolves to support the campaign by parents and staff to keep the nurseries open and urges Cabinet not to implement the closures assumed in the budget but to bring forward an alternative strategy that keeps the nurseries open."

Whereupon it was moved by Councillor Smithson, seconded by Councillor Fearnley by way of AMENDMENT

Delete all after first paragraph and substitute the following:

"This Council:

1. therefore welcomes the pledge given by Councillor Jim Dodds at the Budget Council Meeting on Wednesday 28 February 2007 when he stated that none of the nurseries would close until there was suitable alternative local child care provision for the children concerned.
2. urges the Cabinet to review the programme for the provision of Children's Centres in the overall programme so that the existing child care provision may be maintained.
3. looks forward to an early action plan from the Cabinet to implement the revised programme, coupled with an effective consultation process involving parents, staff and all others concerned with this issue.

At the request of a Member supported by at least five other Members a recorded vote was taken on the Amendment in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 24(3) as follows

FOR: Councillors I Ameen, M Bates, P Battye, R Battye, M Bolt, M Bower, T Brice, A Cooper, A Denham, J Dodds, M Fearnley, D Firth, D Hall, M Hemingway, D Hullock, K Iqbal, C Iredale, R Iredale, V Lees, R Light, A Marchington, A Murphy, A Palfreeman, N Patrick, A Pinnock, K Pinnock, A Raistrick, R Rogers, G Simpson, K Sims, E Smaje, C Smith, J Smithson, J Stewart Turner, K Taylor, N Turner, E Ward, L Wilkinson, A Woodhead and D Yates

(40 VOTES)

AGAINST: Councillors M Akhtar, M Blanshard, J Calvert, A Ellam, D Exley, J Grunsell, M Harkin, D Hillas, B Jones, M Khan, T Lyons, H Mayet, S Pandor, R Roberts, M Sarwar, D Sheard, K Smith, M Sokhal and M Walton

(19 VOTES)

The Amendment was declared CARRIED whereupon it became the SUBSTANTIVE MOTION.

At the request of a Member supported by at least five other Members a recorded vote was taken on the Substantive Motion in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 24(3) as follows:

FOR: Councillors I Ameen, M Bates, P Batty, R Batty, M Bolt, M Bower, T Brice, A Cooper, A Denham, J Dodds, M Fearnley, D Firth, D Hall, M Hemingway, D Hullock, K Iqbal, C Iredale, R Iredale, V Lees, R Light, A Marchington, A Murphy, A Palfreeman, N Patrick, A Pinnock, K Pinnock, A Raistrick, R Rogers, G Simpson, K Sims, E Smaje, C Smith, J Smithson, J Stewart Turner, K Taylor, N Turner, E Ward, L Wilkinson, A Woodhead and D Yates

(40 VOTES)

AGAINST: Nil

ABSTAIN: Councillors M Akhtar, M Blanshard, J Calvert, A Ellam, D Exley, J Grunsell, M Harkin, D Hillas, B Jones, M Khan, H Mayet, S Pandor, R Roberts, M Sarwar, D Sheard, K Smith, M Sokhal and M Walton

(18 ABSTENTIONS)

The Substantive Motion was declared CARRIED and it was

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Termination and Adjournment of Meeting

Referring to Council Procedure Rule 16(3) and no Motion having been moved to continue the meeting beyond 9.00 pm the Mayor

- (a) Called upon Councillor Light who had given notice of the Motion at item 23 of the Council Agenda

It was moved by Councillor Light and seconded by Councillor Rogers without comment.

"That this Council:

- (i) Supports the Sustainable Communities Bill which will devolve more power from Whitehall to Councils and communities by:
 - * giving Councils more power over money spent by national agencies on local matters in their areas; and

- * giving Councils and their communities the power to drive Government policy to assist them in promoting sustainable communities
 - * and thereby help Councils to protect the wellbeing of their communities and citizens.
- (ii) Notes that the Bill is promoted in Parliament by a cross-party group of MPs led by Nick Hurd MP (Conservative), David Drew MP (Labour) and Julia Goldsworthy MP (Liberal Democrat) and is supported by 363 MPs, well over half the House of Commons; and
- (iii) Therefore resolves to write to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, urging her to support the Bill and to inform the leading MPs of this decision."

On being put to the meeting the Motion was CARRIED and it was

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- (b) Called upon Councillor Denham who had given notice of the Motion at item 25 of the Council Agenda

It was moved by Councillor Denham and seconded by Councillor Turner without comment.

1. This Council notes with concern the excessive levels of packaging used by manufacturers and retailers, accounting for 4.6 million tonnes of household waste every year and 17 per cent of the average household food budget.
2. This Council commends the recent campaign against excessive packaging run by the Independent newspaper; and urges supermarkets to reduce where possible packaging on goods sold, encourage the re-use of plastic bags, recycle packaging waste and encourage suppliers to reduce packaging further up the supply chain.
3. Regrets that the 5 Labour Members of Parliament for Kirklees have failed to sign Early Day Motion 814 in support of campaigns to reduce packaging.

This Council believes that the disposal of excessive and unnecessary packaging is a poor use of finite resources, is environmentally unsound as well as being an unwanted burden on public money that could be used for other purposes such as education and healthcare.

This Council therefore resolves to:

1. Instruct the Chief Executive to write to each of the local Members of Parliament asking them to support the Bill presented by Liberal Democrat Shadow Local Government Secretary Andrew Stunell MP to require all large shops to accept packing returned by customers and to support Early Day Motion 814 in support of campaigns to reduce packaging.
2. Challenge all local major retailers and supermarkets to consider the implications of selling items that have poorly designed packaging and ask for them to consider initiating schemes whereby well designed, minimalist packaging is highlighted for eco-friendly, conscientious consumers.
3. Instruct the Chief Executive to write to all local major retailers to inform them of this challenge."

On being put to the meeting the Motion was CARRIED and it was

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- 3. Instruct the Chief Executive to write to all local major retailers to inform them of this challenge."**

- (c) Called upon Councillor Marchington who had given notice of the Motion at item 26 of the Council Agenda

It was moved by Councillor Marchington and seconded by Councillor Hullock without comment.

- "1. That HM Revenue and Customs announced that it intends to move work out of Halifax, Huddersfield, Keighley and Skipton and centralise it in Bradford.
2. This Council is concerned that this is likely to lead to the closure of local offices.

This Council is concerned about the loss of income to the local economy and increasing congestion as people have to travel further to work.

This Council resolves to:

1. Write to the Minister for the Cabinet Office and Social Exclusion The Rt Hon Hilary Armstrong MP asking her to reconsider retaining valuable jobs within Kirklees.
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- (d) Called upon Councillor Bolt who had given notice of the Motion at item 27 of the Council Agenda

It was moved by Councillor Bolt and seconded by Councillor Lees without comment.

"Kirklees Council urge the Government to take urgent action to control and regulate the use of satellite navigation systems by the drivers of goods vehicles to:-

- * limit the use of grossly unsuitable roads in rural and urban areas by large vehicles from the UK and overseas.
- * protect rural infrastructure and quality of life from the damage these intrusive vehicles cause.

In particular the Government is asked to:-

- * regulate the issuing and use of map based information provided to satellite navigation system providers So that the road hierarchy is made clear to users.
- * ensure that future satellite navigation systems, and similar technology, can be 'tuned' to the vehicle size and weight so that differing maps are available to different classes of vehicles.
- * make it a driving offence to use a satellite navigation system which is set to the wrong class of vehicle, punishable by a high value fixed penalty ticket payable by all drivers, regardless of the country of origin. The vehicle to be impounded until the penalty is paid.
- * make drivers/owners of vehicles that cause damage or get stuck fully responsible for all costs, including Police time, vehicle recovery and third party damage. The vehicle to be impounded until sufficient and accurate information is provided to allow certainty that monies will actually be paid."

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**COUNCIL MEETINGS
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Name of Councillor:

Item in which you have an interest [item number and title; or page and minute number if relates to eg Cabinet minutes]	Is your interest personal or prejudicial? [See over page for summary of definitions.]	Brief description of your interest

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NOTE

You have a **personal interest** in an issue if a decision on it could be reasonably regarded as affecting you more than other people in Kirklees. Similarly you have an interest if it affects:-

- your partner, relative or friend or your or their employment or business, or
- certain other bodies or interests which you have declared in the written register of interests (see the Code of Conduct paras. 9, 14 and 15 on pp. 116, 120 and 121 of your yearbook).

That interest becomes a **prejudicial interest** if a member of the public who knows all the facts would reasonably regard it as being so great that it is likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest (see para 10(2) of the Code on page 117 of the yearbook for some possible exceptions).

If you declare a **personal interest** you may stay and speak and vote on the issue.

If you declare a **prejudicial interest**, you must leave the room during the discussion and voting on the item concerned.

If you are uncertain, seek advice from the Solicitor to the Council.