

### **NED CODE OF CONDUCT**

#### **11     *Non participation in case of significant other interest***

- (a) Where you have an other interest in any business of your authority you also have a significant other interest in that business where 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 your judgement of the public interest and where that business —
- (i) affects your financial position or the financial position of a person or body described in paragraphs 7(d); or
  - (ii) relates to the determining of any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration in relation to you or any person or body described in paragraph 7(d).
- (b) Subject to paragraph 11(c) and (d), where you have a significant other interest in any business of your authority—
- (i) You may not participate in any discussion of the matter at the meeting.
  - (ii) You may not participate in any vote taken on the matter at the meeting.
- If the interest is not registered, you must disclose the interest to the meeting.
  - If the interest is not registered and is not the subject of a pending notification, you must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days.
- Note: In addition Procedure Rule 18A.2 requires you to leave the room where the meeting is held while any discussion or voting takes place.
- (c) Where you have a significant other interest in any business of your authority, you may attend a meeting but only for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the business, provided that the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose, whether under a statutory right or otherwise and you leave the room where the meeting is held immediately after making representations, answering questions or giving evidence.
- (d) Where your significant other interest arises as the result of your nomination to a body by the Council and following declaration of the interest you may stay to present the report and answer questions provided that:-
- You have stated your intention to remain in the Chamber at the time of making your declaration.
  - Your contribution is limited to presenting the report and answering any questions.
  - You do not become involved in the debate.
  - You do not attempt to move a motion
  - You leave the Chamber before a vote is taken.

- (e) Subject to you disclosing the interest at the meeting, you may attend a meeting and vote on a matter where you have a significant other interest that relates to the functions of your authority in respect of—
  - (i) housing, where you are a tenant of your authority provided that those functions do not relate particularly to your tenancy or lease;
  - (ii) school meals or school transport and travelling expenses, where you are a parent or guardian of a child in full time education, or are a parent governor of a school, unless it relates particularly to the school which the child attends;
  - (iii) statutory sick pay under Part XI of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992, where you are in receipt of, or are entitled to the receipt of, such pay;
  - (iv) an allowance, payment or indemnity given to members;
  - (v) any ceremonial honour given to members; and
  - (vi) setting Council Tax or a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992.