



**Havering**  
LONDON BOROUGH

# **COUNCIL MEETING (COUNCIL TAX)**

**7.30 pm Wednesday, 4 March 2026  
At Council Chamber - Town Hall**

**Members of the Council of the London Borough of Havering are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council at the time and place indicated for the transaction of the following business.**

**Gavin Milnthorpe  
Monitoring Officer**

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**Please would all Members and officers attending ensure they sit in their allocated seats as this will enable correct identification of participants on the meeting webcast.**



**Please note that this meeting will be webcast.**

**Members of the public who do not wish to appear in the webcast will be able to sit in the balcony, which is not in camera range.**

**Protocol for members of the public wishing to report on meetings of the London Borough of Havering**

Members of the public are entitled to report on meetings of Council, Committees and Cabinet, except in circumstances where the public have been excluded as permitted by law.

Reporting means:-

- filming, photographing or making an audio recording of the proceedings of the meeting;
- using any other means for enabling persons not present to see or hear proceedings at a meeting as it takes place or later; or
- reporting or providing commentary on proceedings at a meeting, orally or in writing, so that the report or commentary is available as the meeting takes place or later if the person is not present.

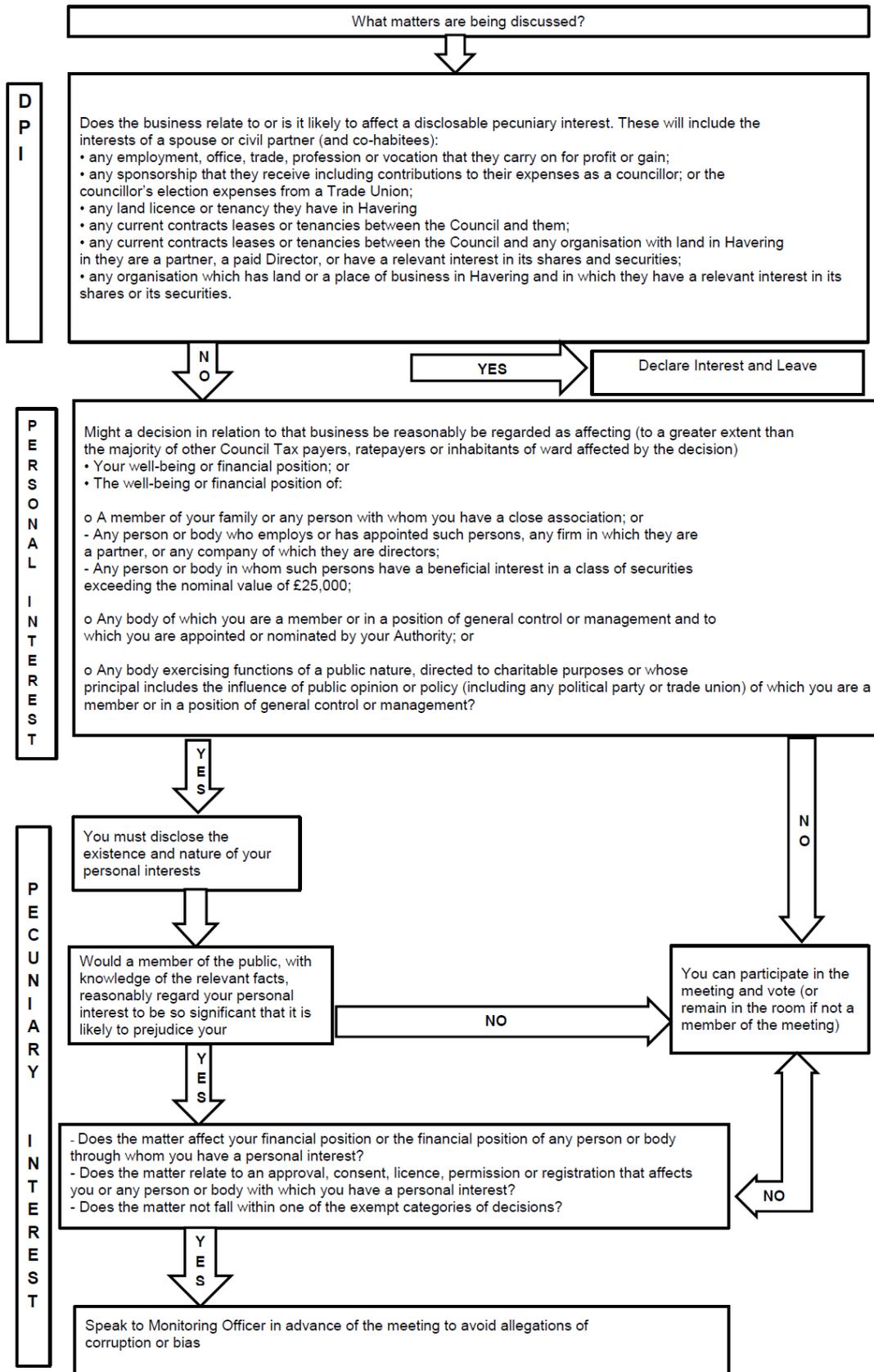
Anyone present at a meeting as it takes place is not permitted to carry out an oral commentary or report. This is to prevent the business of the meeting being disrupted.

Anyone attending a meeting is asked to advise Democratic Services staff on 01708 433076 that they wish to report on the meeting and how they wish to do so. This is to enable employees to guide anyone choosing to report on proceedings to an appropriate place from which to be able to report effectively.

Members of the public are asked to remain seated throughout the meeting as standing up and walking around could distract from the business in hand.



**DECLARING INTERESTS FLOWCHART – QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF**



**Principles of conduct in public office**

In accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011, when acting in the capacity of a Member, they are committed to behaving in a manner that is consistent with the following principles to achieve best value for the Borough's residents and to maintain public confidence in the Council.

**SELFLESSNESS:** Holders of public office should act solely in terms of the public interest. They should not do so in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends.

**INTEGRITY:** Holders of public office should not place themselves under any financial or other obligation to outside individuals or organisations that might seek to influence them in the performance of their official duties.

**OBJECTIVITY:** In carrying out public business, including making public appointments, awarding contracts, or recommending individuals for rewards and benefits, holders of public office should make choices on merit.

**ACCOUNTABILITY:** Holders of public office are accountable for their decisions and actions to the public and must submit themselves to whatever scrutiny is appropriate to their office.

**OPENNESS:** Holders of public office should be as open as possible about all the decisions and actions that they take. They should give reasons for their decisions and restrict information only when the wider public interest clearly demands.

**HONESTY:** Holders of public office have a duty to declare any private interests relating to their public duties and to take steps to resolve any conflicts arising in a way that protects the public interest.

**LEADERSHIP:** Holders of public office should promote and support these principles by leadership and example.

## AGENDA

**1 PRAYERS**

**2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence (if any).

**3 MINUTES** (Pages 9 - 30)

To sign as a true record the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 21 January 2026 (attached).

**4 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Members are invited to disclose any interest in any of the items on the agenda at this point of the meeting.

*Members may still disclose any interest in an item at any time prior to the consideration of the matter.*

Note: Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 imposes restriction on voting in respect of any Member by whom any Council Tax has remained unpaid for at least two months.

**Any Member in doubt as to the position may seek advice before the meeting from the Monitoring Officer.**

**5 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR, BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL OR BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

To receive announcements (if any).

**6 PROCEDURE**

To consider any procedural motion in relation to the conduct of business for this meeting.

**7 THE COUNCIL'S BUDGET 2026/27** (Pages 31 - 1076)

- A. To consider the report of Cabinet dated 18 February 2026 (attached)
  
- B. To note the decision of the Greater London Authority on its budget and precept for 2026/27 to the effect thereof on the Council's budget.
  
- C. To agree a budget for 2026/27 and then:
  
- D. To set the Council Tax for 2026/27.

**NOTE: ALL RELEVANT REPORTS FROM THE CABINET MEETING OF 18 FEBRUARY 2026 ARE ATTACHED.**

Amendment by Labour Group (attached, at end of budget papers).

Deemed motion by the Administration:

That the report be adopted and its recommendations carried into effect.