

PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS
STANDARDS BOARD ADVICE

You have a personal interest if the issue being discussed in the meeting affects the wellbeing or finances of you, your family or your close associates more than most other people who live in the area affected by the issue. Personal interests are also things that relate to an interest you must register.

Prejudicial interests are personal interests that affect you, your family, or your close associates in the following ways:

- their finances, or regulatory functions such as licensing or planning which affect them
- and which a reasonable member of the public with knowledge of the facts would believe likely to harm or impair your ability to judge the public interest

If you have a personal interest you must normally declare it in the meeting.

If the personal interest arises because of your membership of another public body, you only need to declare it if you intend to speak.

If you have both a personal and prejudicial interest you must not debate or vote on a regulatory or financial matter, but you do have the same right to speak as a member of the public.

There are exemptions to both types of interests and when they must be declared.

The Standards Board has produced a guide for members (May 2007) on the Code of Conduct, a copy of which has been given to all members. The Guide gives a general understanding of the Code of Conduct and its requirements. If you need specific advice about an interest, the Monitoring Officer at Amber Valley Borough Council will be happy to advise you.