

## **TO: MEMBERS OF COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a Special Meeting of the Copeland Borough Council will be held in the Bainbridge Room, Copeland Centre, Whitehaven on Wednesday 12 January 2011 at **4.00 pm** and **YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND.**

**Dated this 4 January 2011**

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests in Agenda Items**

Members to disclose any personal and prejudicial interests relating to any item on the agenda. Advice on interests which should be declared can be sought from staff in the Legal and Democratic Services Unit. Members are requested to seek advice, wherever possible, before the meeting starts.

### **PERSONAL INTERESTS**

You have a personal interest if the issue being discussed in the meeting affects the well-being or finances of you, your family or your close associates more than most other people who live in the Ward affected by the issue.

Personal interests are also things that relate to an interest you must register.

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

A personal interest should be declared as follows:

*I have a personal interest in agenda item [...] regarding the report on [...] because I am [...].*

### **PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS**

If you have a personal interest in a matter you will also have a prejudicial interest in that matter if 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 judgment of the public interest. If you have a personal and prejudicial interest you must withdraw from the meeting room

for that item, unless you are there to make representations and the public have the same opportunity to do so.

NB You **only** have a prejudicial interest if the matter

- affects your financial position or that of your family, close associate, employer etc or it
- relates to a regulatory matter

You will also have a prejudicial interest in any business before an overview and scrutiny committee or sub-committee where

- (a) that business relates to a decision made (whether implemented or not) or action taken by your authorities executive or another of your authority's committees, joint committees or joint sub-committees; and
- (b) at the time the decision was made or action was taken, you were a member of the executive, committee, sub-committee, joint committee or joint sub-committee mentioned in paragraph (a) above and you were present when that decision was taken.

A personal and prejudicial interest should be declared as follows:

*I have a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item [...] regarding the report on [...] because I am [...].*

### **3. To consider a Report on National Policy Statements for Energy – Consultation Response**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**