

EXTRACT FROM REPORT TO GOVERNANCE AND CONSTITUTION  
COMMITTEE ON 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2013

Council Tax Precept

1. Members that own property within the area of the Fire Authority would appear to have a Statutory Disclosable Interest (this is the term used in the Fire Authority's Members' Code of Conduct) in the setting of the Council Tax precept. Such a disclosure would, if no dispensation was granted, mean that they would be unable to remain in the meeting and have no opportunity to take part in the debate, nor vote.
2. As the majority of Members will need to make such a disclosure at the meeting of the Fire Authority on the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2013, when the Council Tax precept is to be discussed, there would appear to be a likelihood that:

the transacting of business would be impeded (Section 33(2)(a);

the representation of different political groups would be so upset as to alter the likely outcome of any vote relating to the business (Section 33(2)(b).

Members' Allowance Scheme

3. All Members receive an allowance and would appear to have a Statutory Disclosable Interest in the approval of the Members' Allowance Scheme (and any changes and/or additions to it). Such a disclosure would, if no dispensation was granted, mean that they would be unable to remain in the meeting and have no opportunity to take part in the debate, nor vote.
4. As all Members will need to make such a disclosure at the meeting of the Fire Authority on the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2013 when the Members' Allowance scheme is to be discussed:

the transacting of business would be impeded (Section 33(2)(a)