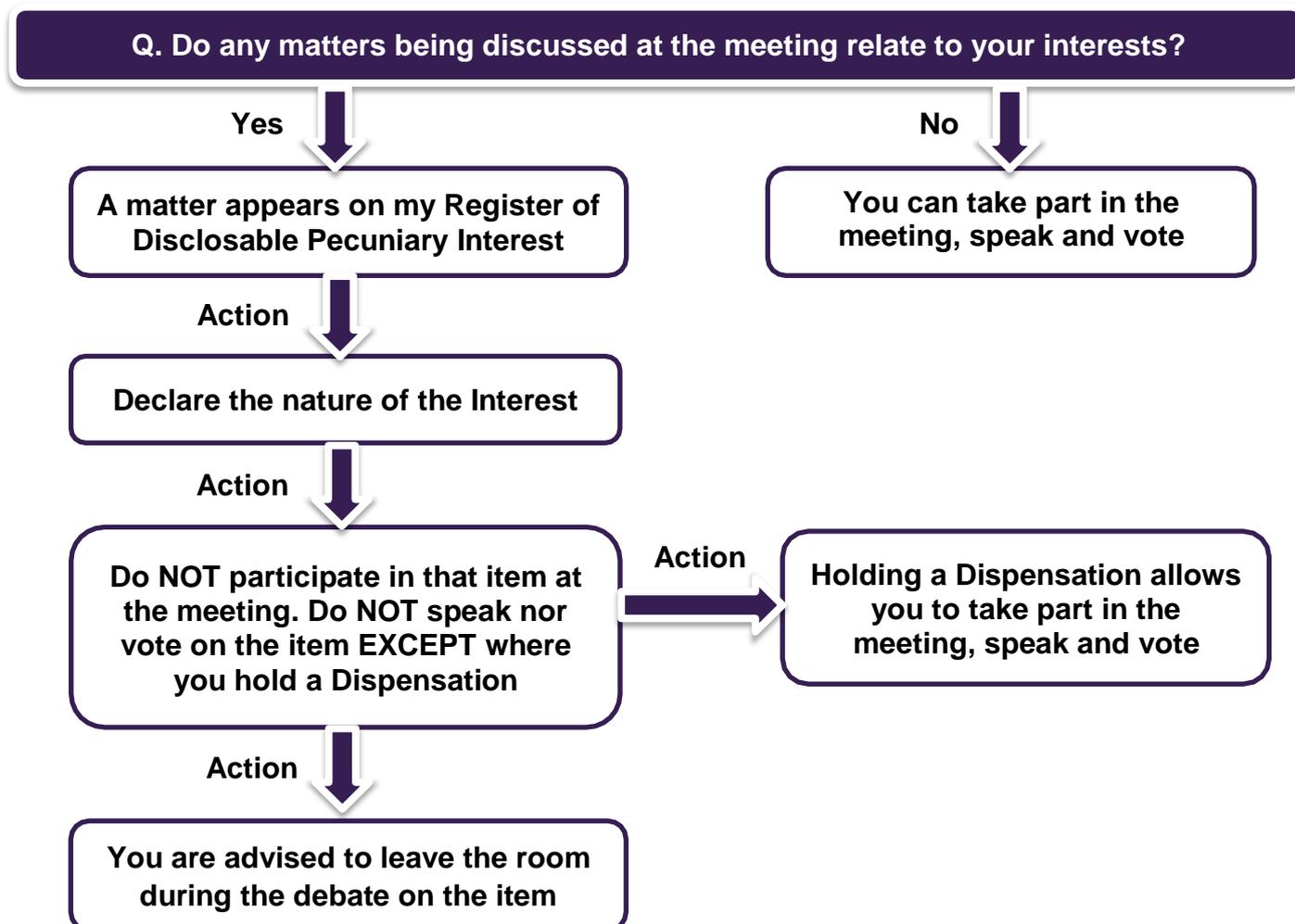


DECLARATION OF INTEREST AT A MEETING

As a Councillor, ask yourself do I have an interest to declare at the meeting I am attending? Familiarise yourself with the Councillor Code of Conduct which can be found in Chapter 7, Part 2 of the Council's Constitution.

Before the meeting, read the agenda and reports to see if the matters to be discussed at the meeting concern your interests.



Q. What are the principles of bias and pre-determination and how do they affect my participation in the meeting?

Bias and Predetermination are common law concepts. If they affect you, your participation in the meeting may call into question the decision arrived at on the item. A challenge may be mounted in the courts.

Bias Test

In all the circumstances would it lead a fair minded and informed observer to conclude that there was a real possibility or a real danger that the decision maker was biased.

Predetermination Test

At the time of making the decision, the decision maker had a closed mind.

If a Councillor appears to be biased or have predetermined their decision, they **MUST NOT** participate in the meeting.