

Amending Standing Orders:

Standing Orders 2, 13, 15 and 17 in relation to the declaration of Members' interests

March 2026

In accordance with Standing Order 11.7(iv), the Business Committee is responsible for making recommendations on the general practice and procedures of the Senedd, including any proposals for the re-making or revision of Standing Orders.

This report recommends amendments to Standing Orders 2, 13, 15 and 17, in relation to the declaration of Members' Interests.

If agreed, the proposed changes will come into effect at the beginning of the Seventh Senedd.

The Senedd is invited to approve the proposals to revise Standing Orders as outlined in Annex A. The amended Standing Orders, if approved, are at Annex B.



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1. Background

Registration and Declaration of interests

1. Section 36 of the Government of Wales Act 2006¹ (“the Act”) requires the Senedd’s Standing Orders to include provision for a register of Members’ interests and for those Standing Orders to require that Members declare their financial and other interests before taking part in Senedd proceedings. The requirements for the registration of Members’ interests are set out in Standing Orders 2, 3, 4 and 5². The requirements around the declaration of interests are set out in Standing Orders 2.6 and 2.7, 13.8A and 17.24A:

- (i) Standing Orders 2.6 and 2.7 relate to the declaration of registrable interests before taking part in any Senedd proceedings;
- (ii) Standing Order 13.8A relates to the declaration of relevant interests in Plenary meetings; and
- (iii) Standing Order 17.24A relates to the declaration of relevant interests in committee meetings.

2. The Standing Order requirements are supplemented by the Guidance on the Registration and Declaration of Members’ Financial and Other Interests³ (“the Guidance”), which is approved by resolution of the Senedd in Plenary.

3. In accordance with Standing Order 22.2, the Standards of Conduct Committee (“the Standards Committee”) must “supervise the arrangements for the compilation, maintenance and accessibility of the Register of Members’ Interests, the Record of the Employment of Family Members with the Support of Commission Funds, the Record of Members’ Time Involved in Registrable Activities and the Record of Membership of Societies and the form and content of the Register and the Records”. Under this remit, the Standards Committee has responsibility for preparing and maintaining the Guidance, and for proposing any changes to the Senedd.

¹ [Government of Wales Act 2006](#)

² [Standing Orders of the Welsh Parliament](#), January 2026

³ [Guidance on the Registration and Declaration of Members’ Financial and Other Interests](#)

Standards of Conduct Committee inquiry

4. The Standards Committee agreed to review whether the arrangements for the registration and declaration of interests remain fit for purpose across Senedd business, in advance of the number of Senedd Members increasing to 96. It ran a consultation in the spring of 2023⁴ and agreed to address the registration of Members' interests first, followed by the declaration of interests.

Registration

5. The Standards Committee published its report on the registration of interests in July 2025⁵, which was considered by the Business Committee in September 2025. The Business Committee agreed to accept the recommendations made to it and has separately proposed amendments to Standing Orders arising from those recommendations in its report Amending Standing Orders: Standing Orders 2, 3, 4 and 5 in relation to the Registration of Members' Interests, November 2025.

Declaration

6. To further inform its review of the Senedd's rules around declaring interests, the Standards Committee considered how other parliaments in the UK and Ireland manage the declaration of interests and compared their practices to those of the Senedd. The Standards Committee used this information, alongside the consultation responses, to draw up draft proposals for change and held a second, targeted consultation with Members, the Commissioner for Standards, and the Llywydd. The Standards Committee also shared the draft proposals with the Chief Executive and Clerk of the Senedd.

7. The Standards Committee published its report on the declaration of interests in January 2026⁶, in which it recommended changes to the rules around declaring interests.

8. The Business Committee considered the recommendations made to it regarding proposed changes to Standing Orders relating to the declaration of

⁴ [Consultation page for the Inquiry into the Registration and Declaration of Interests](#), Senedd Cymru

⁵ [Inquiry into Registration and Declaration of Interests: Registration of Interests](#) July 2025

⁶ [Inquiry into Registration and Declaration of Interests: Declarations of Interests](#), Standards of Conduct Committee, Welsh Parliament, January 2026

interests in its meetings on 20 January, 27 January, 29 January and 10 February 2026, and agreed in principle to those recommendations.

Process

9. In accordance with its responsibility for proposing changes to Standing Orders under Standing Order 33.2, the Business Committee has agreed to propose the amendments to Standing Orders outlined in this report for the agreement of the Senedd in Plenary. Associated changes to the Guidance will be proposed by the Standards of Conduct Committee for agreement by Senedd resolution in Plenary, while the Presiding Officer will need to approve the resultant changes to the prescribed form.

2. Proposals for changes to Standing Orders

10. Proposed changes to Standing Orders for Members' interests (Standing Order 2, 13, 15 and 17) are tracked at Annex A, while an untracked version of the proposed new Standing Orders are found at Annex B.

Removal of the prohibition on voting where a Member has declared a registrable interest

11. The proposed removal of Standing Order 2.9 implements recommendation 1 of the Standards Committee's report, which recommended Standing Order 2 be amended to remove the prohibition on voting in Standing Order 2.9 where a Member has declared a registrable interest under Standing Orders 2.6 and 2.7.

12. Standing Order 2: Financial and Other Interests of Members includes the following provisions:

2.6 In the circumstances specified in Standing Order 2, before taking part in any Senedd proceedings, a Member must make an oral declaration of any financial interest which he or she has, or may be expecting to have, or which, to the Member's knowledge, the Member's partner or any dependent child of the Member has, or may be expecting to have in any matter arising in those proceedings.

2.7 An oral declaration under Standing Order 2.6 must be made in relation to any interest which is specified in paragraph 5 of the Annex to Standing Order 2 if a particular decision in

those proceedings might result in a direct financial advantage to the Member, or, to the Member's knowledge, the Member's partner or any dependent child of the Member, greater than that which might accrue to the electorate generally.

2.9 Where a Member is required under Standing Order 2.6 to declare an interest in a matter before taking part in any Senedd proceedings, that Member must not vote on any proposal relating to that matter in those proceedings. Standing Order 2.9 does not apply in relation to the exercise of a casting vote under Standing Order 6.20.

13. The sum effect of these provisions is that where a Member, their partner, or dependent child has a registrable financial interest in a matter arising in proceedings, and the Senedd is taking a decision that might result in a direct financial advantage to the Member greater than that which might accrue to the electorate generally, they must make an oral declaration, and—having made that declaration—must not take part in any vote relating to that matter.

14. These requirements have their basis in section 36 of the Act. Section 36 requires the Senedd's Standing Orders to make provision regarding the declaration of financial interests. It also gives the option for the Standing Orders to provide for preventing or restricting the participation in any proceedings of a Member who has declared such an interest. As Standing Orders currently state that a Member must not vote on a proposal in relation to which they must make an oral declaration under Standing Order 2.6, voting in those circumstances would currently constitute a criminal offence under section 36(7) of the Act⁷.

15. The requirement was broadened following a review in 2014, from a direct financial advantage “greater than that which might accrue to persons affected by the decision generally” to “greater than that which might accrue to the electorate generally”.

16. The Standards Committee considers that it is appropriate for this prohibition on voting to be removed for the following reasons:

⁷ Section 36(7) of Government of Wales Act 2006 states that “a Member of the Senedd who—
(a) takes part in Senedd proceedings without having complied with, or in contravention of, any provision included in the standing orders in pursuance of subsections (2) to (4), or
(b) contravenes any provision included in the standing orders in pursuance of subsection (5), commits an offence.”

- (i) the nature of the requirement around prohibition on voting means it would only be triggered in very specific circumstances, and there are no instances of it being triggered in the Senedd/Assembly;
- (ii) no other legislature in the UK or Ireland has such a rule;
- (iii) the Senedd and other legislatures—unlike local authorities, and governments at all levels—do not generally take decisions that would lead to individuals gaining a direct financial benefit, and the rule appears to be a legacy of the then Assembly's corporate body structure between 1999 and 2006, prior to the legal separation of the Assembly and Welsh Government;
- (iv) a recent report by the Commissioner for Standards suggested that some Members conflate this rule with the far broader requirement to declare relevant interests, for example by considering that such a declaration is only needed where a decision is being made.⁸

17. The Standards Committee proposed that the rule around prohibition on voting in Standing Order 2 should be removed, and included this proposal in its second consultation. In his response to that consultation, the Commissioner for Standards agreed that the rule in Standing Order 2 around prohibition on voting should be removed with Members able to participate fully in any vote, provided any interest in the subject matter has been declared and so is in the public domain.

18. The Standards Committee also expressed the view that removing this requirement would add clarity to the declaration requirements for those participating in, and following, Senedd proceedings.

19. The Business Committee considered the Standards Committee's recommendation and agreed to propose that that the prohibition on voting in Standing Order 2.9, where a Member has declared a registrable interest under Standing Orders 2.6 and 2.7, should be removed.

Declaration of relevant interests at the point of tabling

20. The proposed amendments to Standing Order 15 implement recommendation 2 of the Standards Committee's report, which recommends

⁸ [Nineteenth report to the Sixth Senedd under Standing Order 22.9](#)

that it should be made a Standing Orders requirement that the relevant interests must be declared at the point of tabling business.

21. Members are already required to make an oral declaration of any relevant interests which they or a family member has or is expecting to have in any matter arising in Senedd proceedings. The requirement to declare relevant interests is set out in Standing Orders 13.8A (Plenary) and 17.24A (committees).⁹

22. Currently, Members have the option of declaring an interest when tabling business through the Table Office system (the Table Office's online portal through which Members and their support staff table business), or on the amendment tabling form for Bills. They also have the option of indicating the nature of the interest at the point of tabling. Should they do so, an [R] appears next to the tabled business once published to indicate that the Member has declared an interest; however no detail regarding the nature of the interest being declared is currently published.

23. The Standards Committee observed that this process is optional rather than a requirement and it is not set out in either Standing Orders or the Guidance. As a result, its use by Members is inconsistent and there are no consequences for failing to declare an interest at the point of tabling.

24. The Standards Committee agreed that in order to bring the Senedd into line with requirements in other legislatures, the declaration of relevant interests at the point of tabling should become a requirement in Standing Orders and consulted on the draft proposal. The Commissioner for Standards welcomed these proposals.

25. As is the case with failure to make an oral declaration of a future interest or a relevant interest under Standing Orders 13.8A and 17.24A, failure to declare an interest at the point of tabling would not be a criminal offence under the Act, but could be the subject of a complaint to the Commissioner for Standards.

Correspondence with the Standards Committee

26. In its consideration of this recommendation, the Business Committee reflected on the implications of the proposed inclusion of this as a requirement in Standing Orders. It wrote to the Standards Committee, asking that it consider providing guidance regarding the expectations on Members tabling business on

⁹ Unlike the Standing Order 2.6 requirement, failure to declare a relevant interest under Standing Orders 13.8A and 17.24A is not a criminal offence under the 2006 Act, but it may be the subject of a complaint to the Commissioner for Standards.

behalf of others (e.g. the government, Senedd Commission, a committee or a political group). The Business Committee expressed the view that it would be appropriate to indicate that it would be less likely that a Member tabling business on behalf of others in this way would need to declare a relevant interest at the point of tabling.¹⁰

27. In response, the Standards Committee indicated that it had already agreed in principle to propose amendments to the Guidance on the Registration and Declaration of Interests, including the addition of a section providing guidance regarding the 'test of relevance', which would set out factors that may influence whether it might be "reasonable for others to think that an interest has influenced a Member's contribution".¹¹

28. Having considered the Business Committee's request, and consulted with the Commissioner for Standards, the Standards Committee confirmed that it would be content to add wording to the test of relevance to the effect that it would be less likely that the test would be met (i.e. less likely that a declaration would be necessary) where a Member is formally tabling business solely in their capacity as an office-holder acting on behalf of others, than where a Member is tabling business on their own behalf or has instigated the tabling of the business in question.¹²

29. Having considered the Standards Committee's recommendation and its assurances regarding the clarity that would be provided in the Guidance, the Business Committee agreed to propose that it should be made a Standing Orders requirement that the relevant interests must be declared at the point of tabling business.

3. Decision

30. On 10 February 2026, the Business Committee formally agreed to propose the changes to Standing Orders outlined in this report and at Annex A. The Senedd is invited to approve the proposed new Standing Order in Annex B.

31. If agreed, the proposed changes will come into effect at the beginning of the next Senedd in May 2026

¹⁰ [Letter from Business Committee to the Standards of Conduct Committee](#), 29 January 2026

¹¹ [Letter to from Standards of Conduct Committee to Business Committee](#), 4 February 2026

¹² [Letter to from Standards of Conduct Committee to Business Committee](#), 4 February 2026

Annex A: Proposed change to Standing Orders and explanatory notes

STANDING ORDER 2 – Financial and Other Interests of Members	
Declaration of Registrable Interests before Taking Part in Any Senedd Proceedings	Retain sub-heading
2.6. In the circumstances specified in Standing Order 2.7, before taking part in any Senedd proceedings, a Member must make an oral declaration of any financial interest which he or she has, or may be expecting to have, or which, to the Member's knowledge, the Member's partner or any dependent child of the Member has, or may be expecting to have in any matter arising in those proceedings.	<p>Amend Standing Order</p> <p>The change is proposed to provide clarity regarding the aspect of Standing Order 2 referred to in Standing Order 2.6.</p>
2.7. An oral declaration under Standing Order 2.6 must be made in relation to any interest which is specified in paragraph 5 of the Annex to Standing Order 2 if a particular decision in those proceedings might result in a direct financial advantage to the Member, or, to the Member's knowledge, the Member's partner or any dependent child of the Member, greater than that which might accrue to the electorate generally.	<p>Retain Standing Order</p> <p>Standing Order included for information only.</p>
Lobbying for Reward or Consideration	Retain sub-heading

<p>2.8.A Member must not advocate or initiate any cause or matter on behalf of any body or individual in any Senedd proceedings, or urge any other Member to advocate or initiate any cause or matter in any such proceedings, in return for any payment or benefit in kind, direct or indirect, which the Member, or to the Member's knowledge his or her partner or any dependent child of the Member, has received or expects to receive.</p>	<p>Retain Standing Order Standing Order included for information only.</p>
<p>Prohibition of Voting</p>	
<p>2.9 <i>[This Standing Order was removed by resolution in Plenary on xx xx xx]</i></p> <p>Where a Member is required under Standing Order 2.6 to declare an interest in a matter before taking part in any Senedd proceedings, that Member must not vote on any proposal relating to that matter in those proceedings. Standing Order 2.9 does not apply in relation to the exercise of a casting vote under Standing Order 6.20.</p>	<p>Remove Standing Order The proposed change reflects the proposed removal of the prohibition on voting in Standing Order 2.9 where a Member has declared a registrable interest under Standing Orders 2.6 and 2.7.</p>
<p>13. STANDING ORDER 13 – Order in Plenary Meetings</p>	
<p>Oral Declaration of Relevant Interests</p>	<p>Amend sub-heading</p>
<p>13.8.A Before taking part in any plenary proceedings, a Member must <u>orally</u> declare any interest, financial or otherwise, that the Member, or to their knowledge, a family member, has or is expecting to have which is relevant to those proceedings, and might reasonably be thought</p>	<p>Amend Standing Order The change is proposed in light of the proposed addition of Standing Order 15.6, which creates a requirement for Members to declare interest when tabling business. The intention of the change to Standing Order 13.8A and the associated sub-heading</p>

<p>by others to influence the Member's contribution.</p>	<p>is to provide a clearer distinction between the requirement to declare relevant interests orally during plenary proceedings and the requirement to declare at the point of tabling.</p>
<p>15. STANDING ORDER 15 – Laying and Tabling Procedures</p>	
<p>15.6. <u>Before tabling any business, a Member must declare any interest, financial or otherwise, that the Member, or to their knowledge, a family member, has or is expecting to have which is relevant to those proceedings, and might reasonably be thought by others to influence the Member's tabling of the business.</u></p>	<p>Insert new Standing Order The proposed change creates a requirement that relevant interests are declared at the point of tabling business.</p>
<p>15.7. <u>Standing Order 15.6. does not affect the requirements for oral declaration of registrable interests under Standing Order 2.6 or relevant interests under Standing Orders 13.8A and 17.24A.</u></p>	<p>Insert new Standing Order The proposed change clarifies that Members will still be required to orally declare registrable interests under Standing Order 2.6 or relevant interests under Standing Orders 13.8A and 17.24A.</p>
<p>17. STANDING ORDER 17 – Operation of Committees</p>	
<p><u>Oral Declaration of Relevant Interests</u></p>	<p>Amend sub-heading</p>
<p>17.24A Before taking part in any committee proceedings, a Member must declare <u>orally</u> any interest, financial or otherwise, that the Member, or to their knowledge, a family member, has or is expecting to have which is relevant to those proceedings, and might reasonably be thought by others to influence the Member's contribution.</p>	<p>Amend Standing Order The change is proposed in light of the proposed addition of Standing Order 15.6, which creates a requirement for Members to declare interest when tabling business. The intention of the change to Standing Order 17.24A and the associated heading is to provide a clearer distinction between the requirement to declare relevant interests orally during committee</p>

	proceedings and the requirement to declare at the point of tabling.
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Annex B: Standing Orders, as amended

STANDING ORDER 2 – Financial and Other Interests of Members

Registration of Financial and Other Interests

- 2.1 The Presiding Officer must maintain and publish a Register of Interests of Members and copies must be available for inspection by Members and by the public.
- 2.2 The interests set out in the Annex to Standing Order 2 must be registered in the Register of Interests by completion of a form prescribed by the Presiding Officer.
- 2.3 Within eight weeks of a Member taking the oath of allegiance or making the corresponding affirmation, he or she must complete the form prescribed by the Presiding Officer, setting out all the particulars of the interests required to be registered by Standing Order 2; and must sign the form and deliver it to the Clerk.
- 2.4 Within four weeks of any change occurring, a Member must notify the Presiding Officer of the change in his or her registered interests by completing the form prescribed by the Presiding Officer and must sign the form and deliver it to the Clerk.
- 2.5 A Member may deliver the form referred to in Standing Order 2.3 or 2.4 by taking it to the Clerk or arranging for another person to do so or by post, but the form is not to be regarded as having been delivered until it is received by the Clerk.

Declaration of Registrable Interests before Taking Part in Any Senedd Proceedings

- 2.6 In the circumstances specified in Standing Order 2.7, before taking part in any Senedd proceedings, a Member must make an oral declaration of any financial interest which he or she has, or may be expecting to have, or which, to the Member's knowledge, the



Member's partner or any dependent child of the Member has, or may be expecting to have in any matter arising in those proceedings.

- 2.7 An oral declaration under Standing Order 2.6 must be made in relation to any interest which is specified in paragraph 5 of the Annex to Standing Order 2 if a particular decision in those proceedings might result in a direct financial advantage to the Member, or, to the Member's knowledge, the Member's partner or any dependent child of the Member, greater than that which might accrue to the electorate generally.

Lobbying for Reward or Consideration

- 2.8 A Member must not advocate or initiate any cause or matter on behalf of any body or individual in any Senedd proceedings, or urge any other Member to advocate or initiate any cause or matter in any such proceedings, in return for any payment or benefit in kind, direct or indirect, which the Member, or to the Member's knowledge his or her partner or any dependent child of the Member, has received or expects to receive.

Prohibition of Voting

- 2.9. *[This Standing Order was removed by resolution in Plenary on xx xx xx]*
- 2.10. *[This Standing Order was removed by resolution in Plenary on 2 October 2013]*
- 2.11. *[This Standing Order was removed by resolution in Plenary on 2 October 2013]*
- 2.12. *[This Standing Order was removed by resolution in Plenary on 17 June 2015 and came into effect on 1 September 2015]*
- 2.13. *[This Standing Order was removed by resolution in Plenary on 17 June 2015 and came into effect on 1 September 2015]*

STANDING ORDER 13 – Order in Plenary Meetings

Rules of Debate

- 13.1 Members called by the Presiding Officer to speak must address the chair.
- 13.2 Members may speak in English or Welsh, and simultaneous interpretation facilities must be provided for speeches made in Welsh.
- 13.3 The Presiding Officer, having consulted the Business Committee, may invite any person to participate in a Plenary meeting for a specific purpose. An invited person may be called to speak, but may not vote.
- 13.4 Speeches must be relevant to the business before the Senedd, and avoid tedious repetition.
- 13.5 The Presiding Officer may announce a time limit on Members' speeches and may direct a Member who has spoken for too long to stop speaking.
- 13.6 A Member, other than the proposer of a motion or an amendment who is exercising a right of reply, may not speak more than once on any matter except, with leave of the Presiding Officer, for the purpose of briefly explaining some material point of his or her original speech.
- 13.7 A Member who is speaking may allow other Members to intervene for the purposes of clarification before resuming a speech.
- 13.8 A Member may not speak after the proposer of a motion has exercised a right of reply.

Oral Declaration of Relevant Interests

- 13.8A. Before taking part in any plenary proceedings, a Member must declare orally any interest, financial or otherwise, that the Member, or to their knowledge, a family member, has or is expecting to have which is relevant to those proceedings, and might reasonably be thought by others to influence the Member's contribution.
- 13.8B Standing Order 13.8A does not affect the requirements for oral declaration of registrable interests under Standing Order 2.6.

Maintenance of Order

- 13.9. The Presiding Officer is to maintain order in plenary meetings and must call to order any Member who:

- (i) is engaging in conduct which would, in the opinion of the Presiding Officer, constitute a criminal offence or contempt of court;
- (ii) is obstructing the business of the Senedd;
- (iii) seeks to raise a matter outside the scope of the debate or motion;
- (iv) is guilty of discourteous or unbecoming conduct;
- (v) is using disorderly, discriminatory or offensive language or language which detracts from the dignity of the Senedd;
- (vi) refuses to conform to any Standing Order or other requirement for the conduct of Members; or
- (vii) disregards the authority of the chair.

13.10. A Member must comply with any directions given by the Presiding Officer about any conduct for which he or she has been called to order.

13.11. A Member may be required by the Presiding Officer to withdraw from Senedd proceedings for the remainder of the day if the Presiding Officer considers the conduct such as to warrant withdrawal.

13.12. When the Presiding Officer has required a Member to withdraw from Senedd proceedings and the Member has not done so, a motion to exclude the Member from Senedd proceedings must be proposed by the Presiding Officer and must be voted on immediately.

13.13. The exclusion of a Member under Standing Order 13.12 has immediate effect and must be:

- (i) on the first occasion during any 12 month period, until the end of the working day immediately following the day of exclusion;
- (ii) on a second occasion during the same 12 month period, for five working days immediately following the day of exclusion; and
- (iii) on a third or any subsequent occasion during the same 12 month period, for 20 working days immediately following the day of exclusion.

13.14. During the period of a Member's exclusion under Standing Orders 13.12 and 13.13, he or she is not entitled to receive any salary from the Senedd and is not permitted to attend any Senedd proceedings.

Sub Judice

- 13.15 Subject to the right of the Senedd to legislate on any matter or to discuss subordinate legislation, a Member must not raise or pursue in plenary meetings any matter which relates to active proceedings (as defined by Schedule 1 to the Contempt of Court Act 1981), except to the extent permitted by the Presiding Officer.

Relations with the Judiciary

- 13.16 Unless the matter is the subject of a substantive motion, Members must not in plenary meetings make criticisms of the conduct of judges of the courts of the United Kingdom in the discharge of their judicial office (in Standing Order 13.16 “judge” includes persons holding the position of judge, whether full-time or part-time).
- 13.17 The Senedd must not discuss individual judicial appointments.

STANDING ORDER 15 – Laying and Tabling Procedures

- 15.1 The following documents or categories of document may be laid before the Senedd:
- (i) a document specified in any enactment as one which must or may be laid before the Senedd or a document which falls within the terms of section 86 of, or paragraphs 36 or 37 of Schedule 11 to, the Act;
 - (ii) legislation or proposed or draft legislation required to be laid under Standing Orders 25, 26, 26A, 27 or 28;
 - (iii) any report made by a Senedd committee and which that committee has agreed should be submitted to the Senedd, other than any report to which (iv) below applies;
 - (iv) any other document specified elsewhere in Standing Orders which is required to be laid in accordance with the specific requirements in a Standing Order; and
 - (v) any other document, or category of document, that the Senedd, by resolution in plenary, requires should be laid.
- 15.2 A member of the government or Presiding Officer may lay other appropriate documents.
- 15.3 Where any document is laid, or any motion, amendment, question or other business is tabled under Standing Order 15 or any other Standing Order, it must be laid or tabled in compliance with written guidance issued by the Presiding Officer, in accordance with Standing Order 6.17.
- 15.4 Any document laid or business tabled by the Presiding Officer, the Commission, the government, any committee or the Clerk, must be laid or tabled in both English and Welsh, so far as is appropriate in the circumstances and reasonably practicable.
- 15.5 The receipt, by the Clerk, of any document or business on a working day during hours agreed by the Business Committee constitutes (as the case may be) the laying of the document or the tabling of the business.
- 15.6 Before tabling any business, a Member must declare any interest, financial or otherwise, that the Member, or to their knowledge, a family member, has or is expecting to have which is relevant to those

proceedings, and might reasonably be thought by others to influence the Member's tabling of the business.

- 15.7. Standing Order 15.6. does not affect the requirements for oral declaration of registrable interests under Standing Order 2.6 or relevant interests under Standing Orders 13.8A and 17.24A.

STANDING ORDER 17 – Operation of Committees

Oral Declaration of Relevant Interests

- 17.24A. Before taking part in any committee proceedings, a Member must declare orally any interest, financial or otherwise, that the Member, or to their knowledge, a family member, has or is expecting to have which is relevant to those proceedings, and might reasonably be thought by others to influence the Member's contribution.
- 17.24B. Standing Order 17.24A does not affect the requirements for oral declaration of registrable interests under Standing Order 2.6