

Localism act 2011

AMMENDMENT 29/06/21

Relevant authorities (disclosable pecuniary interests) regulations 2012

## Disclosable pecuniary interests

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Every Member<sup>1</sup> is required to register and disclose certain interests and those of their Partner<sup>2</sup> where they are aware of the existence of such interests.

Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation	Private Landlords
Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain by you or your partner	Tin Houghton  Ruth Houghton  Director Enterprise South West Shopshire.  Board Member Bis hops Castle Community Land Trust
	AMMENDMENT 29/06/21 :"I have been co-opted as the local shropshire Councillor to the Management Committee of the Bishop's Castle Community
Trade Union Membership	Partnership"
Membership of any Trade Union	NIA

\*Board Member of Shropshire Hills AONB as a Parish Council representative - 24/11/21

<sup>&</sup>quot;member" means a member of the authority and includes a co-opted member; Partner includes your spouse, civil partner or person with whom you are living as if they were your spouse or civil partner

### **Sponsorship**

Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the Council) made or provided within the relevant period3 in respect of any expenses incurred by you in carrying out your duties as a member, or towards your election expenses.

This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

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### **Contracts**

Any contract which is made between you or your partner (or a body in which you or your partner has a beneficial interest<sup>4</sup>) and the Council -

- (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed:
- (b) which has not been fully discharged.

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### Land

Any beneficial interest in land<sup>5</sup> which is within the area of the Council.

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### Licences

Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the Council for a month or longer.

3 "relevant period" means the period of 12 months ending with the day on which you give a notification of its existence

5 "land" excludes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not carry with it a right for the relevant person (alone or jointly with another) to occupy the land or to receive income;

<sup>4 &</sup>quot;body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest" means a firm in which you or your partner is a partner or a body corporate of which you or your partner is a director, or in the securities of which you or your partner has a beneficial interest; and "director" includes a member of the committee of management of an industrial and provident society

Corporate tenancies	
Any tenancy where (to your knowledge)— (a) the landlord is the Council; and (b) the tenant is a body in which you or your partner has a beneficial interest.	
Securities	
Any beneficial interest in securities <sup>6</sup> of a body where—	
(a) that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the Council; and	
(b) either—	
(i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or	
(ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you or your partner has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.	

### Notes on sensitive interests

An interest is sensitive if its nature is such that you, and your Monitoring Officer, consider that its disclosure could lead to you, or a person connected with you, being subject to violence or intimidation

The nature of your sensitive interest will not appear in the published register of interests but it may be recorded that you have a sensitive interest.

I hereby undertake in accordance with The Localism Act 2011 to notify, in writing, the Monitoring Officer, within 28 days, of any disclosure made at a meeting of a disclosable pecuniary interest which is not already included above

Signed	 Dated	12	May	2021

<sup>6 &</sup>quot;securities" means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description, other than money deposited with a building society.



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# SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT 2021

# "OTHER REGISTRABLE INTERESTS"

Name	Ruth Margaret Houghton

You must register as an Other Registerable Interest the following (NB you do not need to include interests that relate only to you partner):

a) Any unpaid directorships	
b) Any body of which you are a member or are in a position of general control or	Director – Enterprise South West
management and to which you are	Shropshire
nominated or appointed by your	
authority	
c) any body	Parish Council Representative – Shropshire Hills AONB  Member – Bishop's Castle Community Partnership
(i) exercising functions of a public nature (Please see notes below)	Town Councillor – Bishop's Castle Town Council

(ii) directed to charitable purposes or

Board Member – Bishop's Castle

Community Land Trust. An organisation developing affordable housing in Bishop's Castle

Trustee – **Bethphage**, a charitable organisation providing care and support to adults with a learning disability or with mental heath needs. Bethphage is commissioned by Shropshire Council and other West Midland local authorities to provide care and support.

Trustee – The Basil Houghton Trust, a grant giving organisation making grant awards to adults and children with learning disabilities.

Trustee and Secretary – Sport and Arts in the Community (SpArC) South West Shropshire. A charitable organisation supporting the leisure centre and theatre in Bishop's Castle

Committee Member – Friends of Bishop's Castle Library

(iii) one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management (Please see notes below)

Member of the Liberal Democrats.

Signed.....

Dated 7-1-22

### **Extracts from the LGA Guidance**

(If you are uncertain about anything please contact the Monitoring Officer)

What is a "body exercising functions of a public nature"?

Although it is not possible to produce a definitive list of such bodies, here are some criteria to consider when deciding whether or not a body meets that definition -

- does that body carry out a public service?
- is the body taking the place of local or central government in carrying out the function?

- is the body (including one outsourced in the private sector) exercising a function delegated to it by a public authority?
- is the function exercised under legislation or according to some statutory power?
- can the body be judicially reviewed?

Unless you answer "yes" to one of the above questions, it is unlikely that the body in your case is exercising functions of a public nature. Examples of bodies included in this definition: government agencies, other councils, public health bodies, council-owned companies exercising public functions, arms-length management organisations carrying out housing functions on behalf of a council, school governing bodies.

# Do local campaigning or Facebook groups need to be registered?

Membership (which does not include simply being on a mailing list), of local campaign or Facebook groups will only need to be registered if they are bodies of a type set out in paragraphs (C) (i) to (iii) above. Generally, it is unlikely that these groups will be regarded as formal bodies to be registered. However, each case should be considered on its own merits. 'A Body' is defined as 'a number of persons united or organised'. Some groups are very united on their cause and organised, but their purpose must fall under one of the functions listed above. There must also be some formality to the membership, such as registration for example. Simply attending a meeting of a local campaign does not of itself make you a 'member' of that organisation.

There has been a growth in organisations which are more nebulous in nature, and no formal membership requirements exist, such as Extinction Rebellion. It can be helpful to ask yourself the question "do I consider I am a member of the organisation" and if the answer is yes, then register the membership for transparency purposes.

## What about membership of a political party or trade union?

The second category of other registerable interests refers to membership of a body or being in a position of general control and management of a body, one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy. This includes any political party or trade union. Memberships of political parties and Trade Unions therefore need to be registered. Remember that if because of membership of a political party or a trade union any payment or financial benefit is received, it is likely to come under the Sponsorship category of DPI.

## "Sensitive interests"

Where you consider that disclosure of the details of an interest could lead to you, or a person connected with you, being subject to violence or intimidation, and the monitoring officer agrees, if the interest is entered on the register, copies of the register that are made available for inspection and any published version of the register will exclude details of the interest, but may state that you have an interest, the details of which are withheld.