



LOCALISM ACT 2011, SECTION 30(3)

THE RELEVANT AUTHORITIES (DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS)
REGULATIONS 2012
(SI 2012 : 1416)

Notification by Member of a Local Authority of Financial (Pecuniary)
and Other Interests

Please note:

You are required by the provisions of this Order to register any disclosable pecuniary interests that you have of the type listed in this form with the Monitoring Officer within 28 days of becoming a Councillor or co-opted Member of the authority.

You are also required to register a disclosable pecuniary interest, which you have not previously registered, in a matter to be dealt with by you within 28 days of your becoming aware that you have such an interest and/or of your disclosing the interest at a meeting of the authority.

You should also notify the Monitoring Officer of any changes to your registered pecuniary interests within 28 days of becoming aware of the changes.

The duty to register disclosable pecuniary interests applies both to you as a Member, and to other "relevant persons" as defined in Section 30(3)(b) of the Localism Act 2011. These are your spouse, civil partner, or any person with whom you are living as husband and wife or as civil partners. In the form below, these relevant persons are referred to as "spouse / partner".

Please fill in ALL the sections under the DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS heading. Below, in respect both of yourself and your spouse / partner. You are also encouraged to complete the remaining sections under the VOLUNTARY heading.

If a section does not apply to you please write NONE under that section

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Member of: Reading Borough Council

1. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

I GIVE NOTICE that my spouse / partner and I have the following disclosable financial interests:

1.1 Employment, Office, Trade, Profession or Vocation

You must register any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain by you and your spouse or partner.

- (a) Nature of my employment/ office / trade / profession / vocation carried out
(*delete whichever does not apply*)

You
Gum and Candy Taster
Spouse / Partner
Full time lecturer at Reading College

- (b) Name(s) of employer(s)
or
Name(s) of firm(s) in which a partner
or
Name(s) of Company/ies of which a remunerated director
(*delete whichever do not apply*)

You
Mondelez International
Spouse / Partner
Reading College, Oxford and Cherwell Valley College, Kings Road, Reading

1.2 Sponsorship

You must register any payment or provision or any other financial benefit made or provided to you in the preceding 12 months 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 trades union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

It does NOT include payments or provisions made to you by the Council.

- (c) You should declare the name of any person who or body which has made any payments to you in the last year towards your expenses in carrying out your duties as a Member or towards your election expenses. You do not need to declare the amount of any payments, only the name of the person or body making them.

Note: Do NOT include payments from Local Authorities

None

1.3 Securities

You must register any beneficial interest that you have in securities of any person or body that have a place of business or land in the authority's area and in which the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or is more than one hundredth (1%) of the total issued share capital of that body.

"Body" means a firm or corporate body in which you are a partner or director, or in which you have a beneficial interest in the securities of the firm or corporate body.

"Director" includes a member of the committee of management of an industrial and provident society.

"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.

Where the share capital of the body is of more than one class, you must register the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you have a beneficial interest that exceeds one hundredth (1%) of the total issued share capital of that class.

This duty to register also extends to beneficial interests held by your spouse / partner, where you are aware of that person's interest.

- (d) You should list the names of any person or body - e.g. companies, co-operative societies, industrial and provident societies - that have a place of business or land in the authority's area and in which you and/or your spouse / partner have a beneficial interest in a class of securities of that person or body that exceeds a nominal value of more than £25,000 or is more than one hundredth (1%) of the total issued share capital of that body. You do not need to show the extent of the interest.

You
None
Spouse / Partner
None

1.4 Contracts

You must register any contract which is made between you and the Council for the provision of goods or services or the execution of works, which has not yet been fully discharged.

You must also register any such contract made between the Council and a body in which you have a beneficial interest. This means any firm in which you are a partner or any corporate body in which you are a Director, or where you have a beneficial interest in the securities of that firm or corporate body.

The term "Director" includes being a member of the management committee of an industrial and provident society. An **industrial and provident society (IPS)** is a legal entity for a trading business or voluntary organisation in the [United Kingdom](#) and the [Republic of Ireland](#). Recent UK legal developments include the Co-operatives and Community Benefit Societies Act 2003, which introduced the concept of a **community benefit society**.

This duty to register also extends to beneficial interests held by your spouse / partner, where you are aware of that person's interest.

(e) You should give details of any contract for goods, services or works made between the authority and:

- Yourself or your spouse / partner
- a firm in which you or your spouse / partner are a partner
- a company of which you or your spouse / partner are a remunerated director
- a person or body of the description as specified in (d) above.

You
None
Spouse / Partner
None

1.5 Land, Licenses and Corporate Tenancies

You must register any beneficial interest that you or your spouse / partner have in land within the area of the Council.

'Land' includes:

- buildings or parts of buildings for which you or your spouse / partner have a tenancy, a lease or licence, or own the freehold.
- an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which carries with it a right for you, or your spouse or partner - either alone, or jointly with another person - to occupy the land or to receive income.

"Licence" means any licence which you hold - either alone or jointly with others - to occupy land in the area of the Council for a month or longer.

"Corporate Tenancies" means any tenancy where, to your knowledge, the Council is the landlord and the tenant is a body in which you, or your spouse or partner, has a beneficial interest.

- (f) You should include any land in the Borough in which you have a beneficial interest (that is, in which you have a tenancy, a lease or licence, or you own the freehold).

You should include land and property in which you have a benefit jointly with someone else. You should give the address or a short description to identify it. If you live in the authority's area, you should include your home under this heading whether as owner, lessee or tenant.

You should also include any property from which you receive rent, or of which you are the mortgagee.

In box (v) below you should specify any land where the Council is the landlord and the tenant is:

- a firm in which you are a partner
- a company of which you are a remunerated Director
- a person or body described in (d) above

In respect of licences, in box (vi) below you should include any land in the area of the Council in which you (alone or jointly with others) have a right to occupy for a period of 28 days or longer. This would include an allotment for example. You should give the address or a brief description to identify it.

Please fill in the boxes below in respect of you and your spouse / partner. You do not have to specify to whom the interest is attached, but may do if you wish.

- (i) Tenancy in the following land/property in the Borough

None

(ii) Leasehold interest in the following land/property in the Borough

None

(iii) Freehold interest in the following land/property in the Borough

None

(iv) Mortgagee of the following land/property in the Borough

99 Elvaston Way, Tilehurst, Reading, RG30 4LX

(v) Interest in a tenancy where the Council is the landlord

None

(vi) Licensee of the following land/property in the Borough

None

2. NON-STATUTORY INTERESTS

You do not have a duty to register the following interests, but are actively encouraged to do so, in the interests of transparency and to avoid allegations of bias.

I also GIVE NOTICE of the following other interests:

- (a) I am a member or hold a position of general control or management of the following bodies to which I have been appointed or nominated by the authority.

NB - this includes outside bodies, partnerships and school governing bodies where you have been appointed or nominated by the Council

Moorlands Primary School - Governor - Vice-Chair

- (b) I am a member or hold a position of general control or management of the following bodies exercising functions of a public nature.

NB - this includes outside bodies, partnerships and school governing bodies where you have NOT been appointed or nominated by the Council

None

- (c) I am a member or hold a position of general control or management of the following bodies directed to charitable purposes.

NB - it would be appropriate to declare membership of the Freemasons under this part of the Register of Interests

None

- (d) I am a member or hold a position of general control or management of the following bodies whose principal purposes include the influence of public opinion or policy.

NB - this includes membership of any trades union political party or Political-party Councillor Associations

None

3. GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY

- (e) You are encouraged to give the details of any person or body from whom you have received a gift or hospitality with an estimated value of £25 or more over the past 12 months.

None

Date: 30/07/12

Signed:

Date Received by Monitoring Officer: 31/07/12

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