

Register of Members' Interests – Cheshire East Borough Council

Councillor: Lesley Smetham

Ward: Gawsworth

Notes:

- 1) Elected Members should consult the guidance notes that accompany this form and the Councillor Code of Conduct prior to completing the Register of Interest form. Whilst Members may seek advice from the Monitoring Officer on registering their interests, whether to register an interest is ultimately the responsibility of each individual Member.
- 2) Members need not register interests which the Monitoring Officer has agreed rank as “sensitive interests”. Please see Appendix B of the Councillor Code of Conduct or contact the Monitoring Officer for further information on sensitive interests.

A. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Under the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 and Cheshire East Council's Councillor Code of Conduct, within 28 days of becoming a Councillor or your re-election or re-appointment to office you must register with the Monitoring Officer the interests which fall within the categories set out in Table 1 of Appendix B of the Code of Conduct.

As an elected or co-opted member of Cheshire East Council, you must register your own disclosable pecuniary interests, together with those of your partner, “partner” means a spouse or civil partner, or a person with whom you are living as husband or wife, or a person with whom you are living as if you are civil partners.

Subject	Prescribed description	Details of Interest	Person with the interest (Member or partner)
<p>(1) Employment</p> <p><i>Note: show every employment that has to be declared for income tax purposes</i></p> <p><i>Where any office is held, give the name of the person/body which made the appointment</i></p> <p><i>Include a short description of the activity e.g. 'Accountant' or 'Farmer' and the name of any employer or body, firm or company which you, your spouse or civil partner own or in whose securities you, your spouse or civil partner have any beneficial interest. This must include any remuneration as a Director.</i></p>	<p>Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain</p>	<p>None</p>	
<p>(2) Sponsorship</p> <p><i>Note: state the amount or value of any payment/expenses received. Payments include expenses paid by a political party</i></p>	<p>Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the council) made to the Councillor during the previous 12-month period for expenses incurred by him/her in carrying out his/her duties as a Councillor, or towards his/her election expenses.</p> <p>This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.</p>	<p>None</p>	

Subject	Prescribed description	Details of Interest	Person with the interest (Member/spouse/civil partner)
(3) Contracts	Any contract made between the Councillor or his/her partner civil partner or the person with whom the Subject Description Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation Councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners (or a firm in which such person is a partner, or an incorporated body of which Councillor Code of Conduct October 2022 Chapter 4 – Part 1 Page 18 such person is a director* or a body that such person has a beneficial interest in the securities of*) and the council— (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and (b) which has not been fully discharged.	None	
(4) Land and Property Note: 'Land' excludes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not give the Councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the Councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners (alone or jointly with another) a right to occupy or to receive income.	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the council	Little Trees, Gawsworth Road, Gawsworth, Macclesfield, SK11 9RA	Jointly owned with spouse.

Subject	Prescribed description	Details of Interest	Person with the interest (Member/spouse/civil partner)
(5) Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the council for a month or longer.	None	
(6) Corporate Tenancies	Any tenancy where (to the Member's knowledge)— (a) the landlord is the council; and (b) the tenant is a body that the Councillor, or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the Councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners is a partner of or a director* of or has a beneficial interest in the securities* of.	None	
(7) Securities <i>Note: It is not necessary to declare the nature or size of the holding, simply the name of the company or other body.</i> <i>'director' includes a member of the committee of management of an industrial and provident society.</i> <i>'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.</i>	Any beneficial interest in securities* of a body where— (a) that body (to the Councillor's 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 the Councillor, or his/ her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the Councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners have a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class	None	

B OTHER REGISTRABLE INTERESTS

You should register as an Other Registrable Interest, an interest that falls within the categories set out in Table 2 of Appendix B Of the Code of Conduct.

Under Cheshire East Council's Member Code of Conduct, as an elected or co-opted member of Cheshire East Council, you should register the following interests, in addition to any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests noted above. Failure to register and/or declare such interests, or take appropriate action when such an interest is capable of prejudicing your participation in Council business, can leave the Council open to challenge, impact upon the reputation of the authority and result in a Member being found to be in breach of the Councillor Code of Conduct.

Description	Name of body	Nature of interest
Any unpaid directorships - None		
Any body of which you are a member or are in a position of general control or management and to which you are nominated or appointed by your authority	None	
Any body i) exercising functions of a public nature, ii) directed to charitable purposes or 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	ChALC Cheshire Community Action	Vice-President Vice-President

Description	Name of body	Nature of interest
Any body directed to charitable purposes	Cheshire Beekeepers with National Beekeepers	Member
	Cheshire Wildlife Trust	Member
	Dogs Trust	Member
	Family History Society	Member
	National Trust	Member
	RHS	Member
	RSPB	Member
	Friend of Macclesfield Silk Heritage Trust	Memver
Any body 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 spouses/civil partners have a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.	Conservative & Unionist Party	

Please note that in addition to classes of interest set out above, you will have an interest in any business of the authority where a decision in relation to that business might reasonably be regarded as affecting your wellbeing or financial position or the wellbeing or financial position of a “relevant person” to a greater extent than the majority of other Council taxpayers, ratepayers, or inhabitants of the electoral division or ward, as the case may be, affected by the decision. Due to the nature of such interests, it is not practical to seek to register the same, but you must make an appropriate declaration and take appropriate action (where the

interest is also a prejudicial interest) if you are present when such business arises.

Please see the Councillor Code of Conduct and the guidance notes for a definition of a “relevant person” and for further information on prejudicial interests, pre-determination and bias.

C DECLARATION

As a member/co-opted member (*delete as appropriate*) of Cheshire East Borough Council, I hereby give notice to the Monitoring Officer for Cheshire East Council of those disclosable pecuniary interests and other registrable interests which I am required to declare under the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 and Cheshire East Council’s Councillor Code of Conduct.

I understand that in so doing I must also declare not only my own interests but also any disclosable pecuniary interest of my partner with whom I am living as such (and of which I am aware). Where there are no such interests under any heading, I have endorsed the form “none”.

I understand that, if I become aware of any new disclosable pecuniary interest or other registrable interest, or change to any disclosable pecuniary interest or other registerable interest, I must within 28 days of becoming aware of this notify the Monitoring Officer. I understand that if I become so aware whilst present during the course of business which relates being transacted, I must also make the appropriate declaration at that time and take appropriate action.

I understand that if I fail to comply with Cheshire East Council’s Councillor Code of Conduct or I:

- (i) omit any information that should be included in this Notice;
- (ii) give false or misleading information; or
- (iii) neglect to keep my register entries and/or declarations up to date,

that this may be a criminal offence and/or amount to a breach of the Code of Conduct and will be dealt with accordingly.

Signed :



Date: *25th February 2024*

Please complete your form electronically and return it to the Monitoring Officer by email to:-

MOROIF@cheshireeast.gov.uk