

Notification by Member of Cockermouth Town Council of pecuniary and other registerable interests

The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012

In order to comply with Cockermouth Town Council's Code of Conduct, a Member or Co-opted Member ("M") must register their pecuniary and interests other than pecuniary interests with the Council's Monitoring Officer **within 28 days** of the date of their election or co-option. (Failure to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest is a criminal offence).

Important Notes

You may complete this form electronically, but you **must** personally sign the completed form. If in doubt about whether or not something should be declared, you are urged to err on the side of openness and avoid the risk of not registering something in error. If you have any difficulty completing any part of this form, please contact the council's Monitoring Officer for advice.

Sensitive Interests

A "sensitive interest" is an interest which could result in, or is likely to result in a serious risk that you, or a person connected with you, may be subjected to violence or intimidation. Where you consider that this may apply to you, you should consult the Monitoring Officer. Subject to their agreement, you may not need to include that interest on this form. However, when the interest is no longer considered to be a "sensitive interest" you must notify the Monitoring Officer within 28 days of that change.

Note:

A Member must, **within 28 days** of becoming aware of any new personal interest or change to any personal interest specified above, register details of that new personal interest or change by providing written notification to the Council's Monitoring Officer.

If you have any difficulty completing any part of this form please contact the Monitoring Officer, Clare Liddle, monitoring.officer@cumberland.gov.uk for advice.

Declaration:

I, Michael Watson, being a Member of Cockermouth Town Council give notice that I have set out below the disclosable pecuniary interests and personal interests that I am required to notify to the council's Monitoring Officer in accordance with:

- Localism Act 2011.
- The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012.
- Cumberland Council's Procedure Rules.
- Code of Conduct for Members adopted by Cockermouth Town Council

and have put 'NONE' where appropriate.

I am aware that in accordance with Section 30(3) of the Localism Act 2011, I am required to notify both my own disclosable pecuniary interests and also any disclosable pecuniary interests of:

- (a) My spouse or civil partner,
- (b) A person with whom I am living as husband or wife, or
- (c) A person with whom I am living as if we were civil partners

("my partner"), where I am aware that my partner has the disclosable pecuniary interest.

I recognise that it can be a criminal offence under Section 34 of the Localism Act 2011 to:

- (a) Fail to notify the Monitoring Officer of any disclosable pecuniary interests within 28 days of becoming a Member or being re-elected.
- (b) Fail to disclose a disclosable pecuniary interest at a meeting if it has not been included in the register.
- (c) Fail to notify the Monitoring Officer within 28 days of a disclosable pecuniary interest that had not been included in the register, but had been disclosed at a meeting.
- (d) Participate, or participate further, in any discussion or vote on a matter which you have a disclosable pecuniary interest unless I have a dispensation or members of the public are also allowed to speak and have spoken I will leave the meeting.
- (e) Knowingly provide information that is false, misleading or reckless.

Signed:



Date:

3/12/24

Disclosable pecuniary interests

A disclosable pecuniary interest is an interest which:

- Is of a description specified in regulations made by the Secretary of State; and
- Either it is your interest, or an interest of your partner (which means spouse or civil partner, 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).

You must register your disclosable pecuniary interests and those of your partner.

In this notification 'relevant authority' means Cockermouth Town Council.

(Please state NONE where appropriate)

1. Details of any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.

You should show every employment, office, trade, profession or vocation that you and your spouse/partner receive remuneration for other than simply repayment of expenses - a good example is would you have to declare for income tax purposes. Give a short description of the activity concerned; for example 'Computer Operator' or 'Accountant'. Where you hold an office, give the name of the person or body which appointed you. In case of a public office, this will be the authority which pays you.

Member:	Spouse / Partner
N/A Retired	N/A, Retired

2. Details of any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the relevant authority) made or provided within the previous 12-month period in respect of any expenses incurred by M in carrying out duties as a member, or towards the election expenses of M. (This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992).

Please state the amount and name of any person(s) or body who has/have made a payment in respect of your election or made a contribution towards expenses incurred by you in carrying out your duties within the last twelve months.

Member:	Spouse/Partner
None	None

3. Details of any contract which is made between the relevant person (or a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest) and the relevant authority -

(a) Under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and

(b) Which has not been fully discharged.

You should list any contract made between yourself or your spouse/partner or a body in which either of you have a beneficial interest and the council (or an organisation contracted to carry out business on its behalf).

Member:	Spouse/Partner
<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>

4. Details of any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the council, including your home address irrespective of whether you are the owner, landlord or tenant of land and requires the full address to be included. The question also requires addresses for all the land owned.

Include any land and buildings in the area of Cockermouth Town Council in which you or your spouse/partner have a beneficial interest. Give the address or a brief description to identify, if your property is in Cockermouth include your home as owner, lessee, or tenant. Include any property from which you receive rent, or of which you are the mortgagee.



Any land in the Cockermouth Town Council area in the ownership of a charity or organisation of which you or your spouse/partner are a trustee should also be included in this section.

"Land" also includes any buildings or parts of buildings.

<p>Member: None Richard Watson RW</p> <p>Address: 14 Binas Bank Cockermouth</p> <p>Postcode: CA13 9DN</p>	<p>Spouse/Partner: None Sharon Watson RW</p> <p>Address: 14, Binas Bank Cockermouth</p> <p>Postcode: CA13 9DN</p>
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5. Details of any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the council for a month or longer.

Give the address, or a brief description, of any land (including buildings or parts of buildings) in the area of the relevant authority which you or your partner neither own, nor have a tenancy for, but have a right to occupy for a period of 28 days or longer.



Member:	Spouse/Partner
	

6. Details of any tenancy where (to your knowledge):

(a) The landlord is the council; and

(b) The tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest in the securities of.

List any tenancies of property where you are aware that the landlord is Cockermouth Town Council and where the tenant is either yourself or your partner, a firm in which you or your partner are a partner, or a company where you or your partner are a Director.

Member:	Spouse/Partner
	

7. Details of any beneficial interest of your in securities of a body where:



(a) That body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the relevant authority; 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 that 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 relevant person has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

State any corporate body that has a place of business or land in the area of the relevant authority and in whom you or your partner have a beneficial interest in a class of securities of that person or body that exceeds the nominal share value of £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital (whichever is the lower).

Member:	Spouse/Partner
	

Other registrable interests

These interests are what the council has determined should be entered into the authority's register of interests

8. Details of any body of which you are a member, or in a position of general control or management, and to which you are appointed or nominated to by Cockermouth Town Council.

9. Details of any bodies of which you are a member, or in a position of general control or management, and which:

- a) Exercises function of a public nature;
- b) Is directed towards charitable purposes; or
- c) Is a body which includes as one of its principal purposes influencing public opinion or policy (this includes political parties or trade unions).

Include the names of any bodies you are a member of or are in a position of general control or management such as charities, political groups and trade unions and the position you hold on those bodies. Examples of bodies which exercise function of a public nature include: government agencies, other councils, public health bodies, council-owned companies exercising public functions, arms-length management organisations carrying out housing functions on behalf of your authority, school governing bodies.

Committee member of
Cockermouth Climate Action Now

10. Details of any persons from whom you have received a gift or hospitality with an estimated value of at least £50. (You must register any gifts or hospitality worth £50 or over that you receive personally in connection with your official duties).

Donor or host (name and address):

None

Details of gift offered/hospitality offered including date of event if relevant:

None

Estimated value:

None