

REGISTER OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS (District Councillor)

THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT) ORDER 2007

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Guidance is given below on the specific paragraphs and information required in the statutory Register of Members' Interests form.

PERSONAL INTERESTS

In accordance with the Local Government Act 2000 I hereby provide written notification to Cannock Chase District Council's Monitoring Officer of any personal interests in any business of the authority where either it relates to or is likely to affect:

- (a) Any body of which I am a member or in a position of general control or management and to which I have been appointed or nominated by the authority:

(You should declare membership of, a position of general control or management in, any bodies to which you have been appointed by the District Council. This will not include Committees which are part of the District Council. You must however include any company directorship or other representation if you have been appointed or nominated by the District Council as its representative on such company.)

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CHETWYND, CHARITY
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(b) Any body exercising functions of a public nature of which I am a member or in a position of general control or management:

(It will be necessary for you to include your membership or position of general control of such organisations as (inter alia) health authorities, police authorities, housing associations, statutory undertakers, magistrates, Standards Board for England, County Council, Parish Council(s); and the Local Government Association (including WMLGA).

..... DISTRICT PATIENTS REVIEW GROUP
..... COVERING, HILLSPRINGS AND HERMITAGE
..... HEALTH SURGIES
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(c) Any body directed to charitable purposes of which I am a member or in a position of general control:

(Membership of or position of general control or management of any industrial and provident society, charity or body directed to charitable purposes need to be inserted here. These bodies are those on which you serve in your own capacity as opposed to being appointed or nominated by the District Council as its representative. The latter needs to be included within paragraph(a) as indicated earlier. Equally, charitable purposes includes educational establishments and, as such, school governorships need to be declared.)

..... CHETWYND CHARITY
..... SCHOOL GOVERNOR AT CHURCHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL
..... ETCHING HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL
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(d) Any body one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which I am a member or in a position of general control or management:

(You should mention here membership of any relevant political parties and other relevant public opinion or policy/pressure groups.)

THE LABOUR PARTY

- (e) **A professional association, private club or society, such as Freemasons, recreational club, working men's club or private investment club.**

(You should mention here your membership of any professional association, or of any private club such as Freemasons, recreational club, working men's club or private investment club.)

ETBUING HILL TENNIS CLUB

LEA HALL MINERS SOCIAL CLUB

- (f) **Employment and/or business details carried on by me:**

(You should include under this heading every employment, trade, profession, occupation or vocation which you have to declare for income tax purposes, i.e. that is carried on for profit or gain.

Give a short description of the activity concerned, e.g. "Computer Operator", "Farmer" or "Accountant". For these purposes being a Councillor need not be declared as an occupation. Equally, Cabinet members do not need to declare their Cabinet responsibilities or the amount of responsibility allowance that they are in receipt of from the District Council for carrying out those duties. That information is available to the public through other means).

NA

- (g) **Any person or body who employs or has appointed me:**

(You should include under this heading the name of any individual, company, partnership, public body etc. who employs you or who has appointed you. If employed by a company, give the name of the company paying your wages or salary, not that of any ultimate holding company.)

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(h) Any person or body (other than the relevant authority) who has made a payment to me in respect of my election or any expenses incurred by me in carrying out my duties:

(You should include under this heading any names of any person or political parties who have made a payment to you in respect of your election or any expenses incurred by you in carrying out your duties, e.g. a member is expected to register the name of any person, or political party, who helped to fund his/her election campaign. There is however no need to register the payment of legitimate expenses by the District Council.)

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No expenses were received
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(i) Any person or body which has a place of business or land in the authority's area, and in which I have a beneficial interest in a class of securities of that person or body that exceeds the nominal value of £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body (whichever is the lower):

(Give the names of any person(s), companies, industrial and provident societies, co-operative societies or other corporate bodies which have any business or land in Cannock Chase District and in which your beneficial interest exceeds £25,000 or 1/100th of the total issued share capital. The key point is that the nominal value of the shares is taken into account, not the market value of such shares. Classes of securities include shares, bonds and future/options dealing. The nominal value of shares is the face value of those shares (i.e. the value recorded on the share certificate).

The registration of any ISAs or pensions which you have is not necessary unless, given the above criteria, you know the companies in which your ISA or pension fund was invested and that:

- ❖ Those companies have a place of business or land in the authority's area; and
- ❖ Your beneficial interest in the investment was greater than the levels indicated above

You are only required to register interests which are known to you. The Code does not require you to investigate the investment portfolio of any ISA or pension scheme to which you may belong.)

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(j) Any contract for goods, services or works made between the authority and myself or a firm in which I am a partner, a company of which I am a remunerated director, or a body of the description specified in paragraph (i) above:

(You should include under this heading all relevant contracts entered into with the District Council. If you have been awarded a contract but no financial agreement has, as yet, been signed, it is good practice to declare the same and to advise the Monitoring Officer of any amendment to the Register as and when the contract has been formally signed. Equally, if the contract is terminated (for whatever reason) or comes to an end, the member should notify the Monitoring Officer in writing of the change to the Register within 28 days of such event.)

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(k) The receipt of any gift or hospitality, material benefits or advantage with an estimated value of at least £25 relating to or arising from your position as a member:

(You should include the name and address of the person or organisation offering/providing the gift, hospitality or material benefits or advantage, the date of offer/receipt, the estimated value and details of the gift or hospitality).

(You should also include details of any gift or hospitality which you have refused and which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts might reasonably regard as intended to influence the discharge of your responsibilities as a member or reward you for past discharge of those responsibilities)

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(l) Any land in which I have a beneficial interest and which is in the area of the authority:

(If you live within the District of Cannock Chase, your home property address should be included under this heading. Beneficial interest includes a mortgage interest in a

property, including a tenanted interest, whether as a landlord or tenant. All relevant interests in the District must also be declared in addition to your home address.)

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- (m) Any land where the landlord is the authority and the tenant is a firm in which I am a partner, a company of which I am a remunerated director, or a body of the description specified in sub-paragraph (h) above:

(You will need to include details of any tenanted land that you hold from the District Council. You may hold such land in your personal capacity or as a partner of a firm, a company of which you are a remunerated director or of any other legal body. Sufficient details of any such land need to be given to identify the same.)

NA

- (n) Any land in the authority's area in which I have a licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy for 28 days or longer:

(You will need to include details of any licence to occupy land or premises in the District Council's area for 28 days or longer. Temporary occupations of less than 28 days do not, therefore, need to be declared on the form. It is also important to recognise that the occupation by you may be in joint or several names.)

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NOTES ON SENSITIVE INFORMATION

1. Where you consider that the information relating to any of your personal interests is sensitive information, and the Monitoring Officer agrees, you need not include that information when registering that interest, or as the case may be, a change to that interest.
2. You must, within 28 days of becoming aware of any change of circumstances which means that information excluded under Paragraph 1 above is no longer sensitive information, notify the Monitoring Officer asking that the information be included in the authority's Register of Members' Interests.

3. In this Code, "sensitive information" means information whose availability for inspection by the public creates, or is likely to create, a serious risk that you or a person who lives with you may be subjected to violence or intimidation.

I hereby undertake in accordance with The Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 to notify in writing the Monitoring Officer at Cannock Chase District Council of any change to the interests specified above within 28 days.

Signed..... *G. Bennett* Dated.....

This form should be returned to Alistair Welsh, Monitoring Officer at Cannock Chase Council, Civic Centre, PO Box 28, Beecroft Road, Cannock, Staffordshire, WS11 1BG.

