

## **Register of interests**

### **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

Disclosable pecuniary interests must be notified to the Monitoring Officer within 28 days from when you become a councillor in accordance with the statutory requirements of the Localism Act 2011. These are enforced by criminal sanction, and failure to register or declare such an interest at a meeting is a criminal offence. You must keep your register up to date so, as soon as a new interest needs to be registered or you cease to hold an interest, you must also notify the Monitoring Officer within 28 days.

You must register your own disclosable pecuniary interests and those 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.

It is a criminal offence under the Localism Act 2011 to:

- fail to notify the Monitoring Officer of any disclosable pecuniary interest within 28 days of election or co-option
- fail to disclose a disclosable pecuniary interest at a meeting if it is not on the register
- fail to notify the Monitoring Officer within 28 days of a disclosable pecuniary interest that is not on the register that you have disclosed to a meeting
- participate in any discussion or vote on a matter in which you have a disclosable pecuniary interest
- knowingly or recklessly provide information that is false or misleading in notifying the Monitoring Officer of a disclosable pecuniary interest or in disclosing such interest to a meeting.

The criminal penalties available to a court are to impose a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale and disqualification from being a councillor for up to five years.

Where you have an interest which you believe is a 'sensitive interest' that you do not want to or cannot disclose you should discuss this with the Monitoring Officer. A 'sensitive interest' is defined in legislation as one which, if disclosed, could lead to you or someone close to you being subject to violence or intimidation. But it may also include things which cannot be disclosed for other legal reasons, such as sensitive employment covered by the Official Secrets Act.

Subject	Description	Guidance	Examples	Interests
Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain and that of your husband/wife/civil partner.	<p>Details of any jobs you or your husband/wife/civil partner carry out for profit or gain. You should include the job title or a description of the role and the name of the company or employer.</p> <p>If you receive allowances from another authority which are treated as taxable income rather than simply being pure reimbursement of expenses then you must register that fact.</p>	<p>Partner is a teacher at Lower Loxley Primary School.</p> <p>Allowances for role as member of Borsetshire Fire &amp; Rescue Authority.</p> <p>Partner – Director of Ambridge Garden Services Ltd.</p>	<p>Member West Midlands Employment Tribunals (fee paid office);</p> <p>Partner is independent Chair, Audit Committee, Police &amp; Crime Commissioner's Office.</p>
Sponsorship	<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>Details of any reimbursement of expenses made to you for carrying out your duties as a councillor or towards your election expenses during the previous 12-month period.</p> <p>You don't need to provide details of any reimbursement of expenses from Birmingham City Council but you do need to include any reimbursement or sponsorship for your role paid by Third Parties such as your political party or Trade Union</p>	Election expenses from the Ambridge People's Party.	<p>There has been no election in the period in question.</p> <p>Billesley Branch Labour Party receives occasional payments from Birmingham Labour Group of Councillors towards Billesley Ward councillor information leaflets.</p>

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Contracts	<p>Any contract made between 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 (or a firm in which such person is a partner, or an incorporated body of which such person is a director* or a body that such person has a beneficial interest in the securities of*) and the council -</p> <p>(a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and</p> <p>(b) which has not been fully discharged.</p>	<p>Details of any contracts you or your company/business (or your partner or their company/business) has with Birmingham City Council.</p> <p>You don't need to provide details of any contracts you may have with Birmingham City Council as a resident in your personal life such as rent of an allotment or membership of a Council operated leisure centre.</p> <p>If the contract has been completed (that is services are no longer provided) you do not need to register it.</p>	Contract between Ambridge Garden Services and Birmingham City Council to maintain the grass verges.	None.

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Land and Property	<p>Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the council. '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.</p>	<p>Details of any land and property within the area of Birmingham City Council which you have a beneficial interest in. This means any land and property you own, rent or live in.</p> <p>It also includes any land or property held in trust for you or your partner and includes both freehold and leasehold land or property.</p> <p>You should provide sufficient detail to identify the land or property in question - an address and, where the address is not sufficient, details that are sufficient to identify the land or property. A plan identifying the land may be useful in some situations.</p> <p>For each piece of land or property you should provide details of the nature of the land or property – for example whether it is your home, a house for which you pay rent, or a property or piece of land that you and/or your partner own and rent out, and what the arrangements are – for example is it rented via an agent or a social housing provider, is classed as exempt accommodation, or managed directly by you and/or your partner ***.</p> <p>You don't need to provide details of the landholdings of your employers or bodies you have shareholdings in.</p>	<p>I live at 1 Acacia Avenue, Lower Lowley, Borchester, BR1 1AM</p> <p>I own 150 Felpersham Road, Ambridge, BR3 9SW, and rent the property to a private tenant via Ambridge Rentals.</p> <p>Partner- owns 17 Ambridge Lane, Ambridge, BR3 1AB, which is rented out and for which housing benefit from Birmingham City Council is received.</p>	<p>Owner/occupier (with wife) 23 Bach Mill Drive B28 0XN;</p> <p>Joint Owner (with wife) of 208, Islington Gates, 6 Fleet Street B3 1JH, formerly rented out directly by myself and my wife.</p> <p>I Chair Islington Gates Residents Leaseholder Management Company (unremunerated).</p>

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Licenses	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the council for a month or longer.	This is where you must register anywhere in the Council's area that you or your partner occupy or have the use of with the permission of someone else. Examples may include an allotment, rental of office space, use of a field for grazing or rental of a lock-up garage. The agreement must be for longer than a month so does not include purely temporary accommodation, such as renting an office space for a one-off meeting or hiring a room for a party.	I rent a lock-up garage at 17 Railway Arches from Arches R Us Ltd	None
Corporate tenancies	<p>Any tenancy where (to the councillor's knowledge)—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the landlord is the council; and</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul>	<p>You must declare any properties which you or your partner rent from the City Council, or which is rented by a business which you or they own or partly own.</p> <p>You can only be expected to provide details of those you ought reasonably to be aware of, so, for example, if you work for a large housebuilder you may not be aware of which land in the Council's area they have options on.</p> <p>You should be mindful of your level of control in the body and the effect this may have on your benefit from the land. For example, if you and your spouse jointly own a farming business, you would be the sole beneficiaries of any land owned by that farm and as such you should provide details of the land held by companies in which you have a controlling interest.</p>	Ambridge Garden Services are tenants at Lower Loxley Park Pavilion.	None

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Securities	<p>Any beneficial interest in securities** of a body where—</p> <p>(a) that body (to the councillor's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the council; and</p> <p>(b) either—</p> <p>(i) the total nominal value of the securities* exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or</p> <p>(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 has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.</p>	<p>If you hold more than £25,000 of equity in a company, or more than 1 per cent of a shareholding, you should provide details of this. Please note that means that the shares have a face value equal to or more than £25,000, that is not the 'trading value' were you to sell the shares, unless your holding is 1% or more of the total share value</p> <p>If you are unsure whether you hold more than £25,000 in a single company or more than 1 per cent of a shareholding, for example if you hold investments through trust funds, investment funds or pension funds which are managed by fund managers, you should take reasonable steps to understand what investments you may have.</p> <p>Only a business which has a place of business or land within the Birmingham City Council area is relevant.</p>	I have a 50% shareholding in Ambridge Garden Services Ltd.	None

\*'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.

\*\*\* to ensure transparency, and where the Monitoring Officer has agreed to redact the addresses of properties other than your main residential address, the publicly available register will show the number of properties held and the ward in which they are located.

## Other Registerable Interests

In addition to the disclosable pecuniary interests above, you must, within 28 days of your election or appointment to office notify the Monitoring Officer in writing of the details of your other registerable interests. You are only obliged to register your own interests and do not need to include interests of spouses or partners in this part of the register. Failure to register these interests is not covered by the criminal offence but would be a breach of the Code of Conduct.

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Any unpaid directorships	While any paid directorships you have will need to be recorded on the first part of the register, you are asked to register here any organisations where you are a director but in a voluntary role.	Unpaid board member of Borsetshire Homes – receive travel expenses only.	<b>Jewellery Quarter Development Trust; Islington Gates Management Company.</b>
Any body of which you are in general control or management and to which you are nominated or appointed by Birmingham City Council	This is only for bodies where you represent the Council as one of the Council's nominated representatives, regardless of whether or not you receive allowances for the role.	I am an appointed member of West Midlands Fire & Rescue Authority.	<b>I am an appointed member of the Chamberlain Highbury Trust. I am an appointed member of the Birmingham Museums Trust. I am an appointed member of the Birmingham Civic Society.</b>
Any body: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. exercising functions of a public nature</li> <li>b. directed to charitable purposes or</li> <li>c. one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union).</li> </ul> of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management	<p>To aid transparency you are asked to register any organisation of which you are a member or have a formal role, for example local community groups, political parties or charities.</p> <p>There must also be some formality to your 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. It will also include, for example, 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, and school governing bodies.</p>	<p>I am a member of the Friends of Lower Loxley Park.</p> <p>I am treasurer of Ambridge Football Club.</p> <p>I am a member of the National Trust.</p> <p>I am a parent governor at Bash Street Academy.</p> <p>I am a member of Ambridge People's Party.</p>	<b>Billesley Ward Labour Party (Chair); Member of :- the Co-operative Party; GMB trade union; Unlock Democracy; Railfuture; Amnesty International; The Fabian Society; English Heritage; Friends of Birmingham Museums; Vintage Trains CIC</b>

## **Declaration**

**I recognise that I will be in breach of Birmingham City Council's Code of Conduct for Members if I:**

- (a) omit information that ought to be given in this notice; or
- (b) provide information that is materially false or misleading; or
- (c) fail to give further notices within 28 days of any change to the information set out above in order to bring up to date the information given in this notice.

Signed

Dated July 17th 2023

Please return the signed Declaration to the Monitoring Officer [City Solicitor].