



North
Northamptonshire
Council

**Localism Act 2011
Disclosable Pecuniary Interests &
Members Code of Conduct –
Personal Interests**

MEMBERS & CO-OPTED MEMBERS REGISTER OF INTERESTS

Councillor / Co-opted Member

NAME Ben Leeson

COUNCIL..... Irchester..... TOWN/PARISH COUNCIL

- This form must be completed; **and**
- This form must be **updated** as follows:
 - Within 28 days of you becoming aware of any new Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or Personal Interest or a change to an existing Disclosable Interest or Pecuniary Interest
 - Within 28 days of you subsequently disclosing a further Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or Personal Interest at a meeting
 - Within 28 days of you becoming aware that you have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or Personal Interest in a matter where you are making a decision alone (e.g., a Cabinet Member decision).

I certify that I have not:

- (1) omitted information that ought to be given in this matter
- (2) provided information that is intentionally false or misleading

and I recognise that I am obliged to give further notices in order to:

- bring up to date information given in this notice
- declare an interest that I acquire after the date of this notice and am required to declare

SIGNED BY COUNCILLOR - BEN LEESON

DATE - 21/09/2023

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Date -

DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Please provide the following details necessary under Sections 29, 30 and 31 of the Localism Act 2011 and the

Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012

- Where not applicable please enter “none”.
- Please attach and sign additional sheets where required.
- Please note that an interest is a disclosable pecuniary interest if it is an interest of:
 - yours;Or it is an interest of:
 - your spouse or civil partner;
 - a person with whom you are living as husband and wife; or
 - a person with whom you are living as if you were civil partnersand you are aware that that other person has the interest.

1) Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation

Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.

Self: Employed – Scott Bader Company Limited / Self Employed – IT, Engineering and Event Consultancy / Landlord

Spouse or Partner: Employed – Irchester Motor Services Ltd / Self Employed – IT, Engineering and Event Consultancy / Landlord

2) Sponsorship

Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the Council) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a Member, or towards your election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

Self: None

Spouse or Partner: None

3) Contracts

Any contract which is made between you (or a *body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest*) 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.

Self: None

Spouse or Partner:None

4)Land

Any beneficial interest in *land* which is within the area of the Council:

Self: 8 Gipsy Lane (place of residence), 12a/14/16to18/20/26/34 Wollaston Road/16 Gipsy Lane

Spouse or Partner: 8 Gipsy Lane (place of residence), 12a/14/16to18/20/26/34 Wollaston Road

5)Licences

Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the Council for a month or longer

Self: None

Spouse or Partner: None

6)Corporate Tenancies

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.

Self: Irchester Youth Centre Trust

Spouse or Partner: None

7) Securities

Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where;

(a) that body (to your 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) where 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 you have a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

Self: Irchester Motor Services Limited (shareholder)

Spouse or Partner: None

NOTES – DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

- “body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest” means a firm in which the *relevant person* is a partner or a body corporate of which the *relevant person* is a *director*, or in the *securities* of which the *relevant person* has a beneficial interest;
- “**director**” includes a member of the committee of management of an industrial and provident society within the meaning given by section 1(l) of the co-operative and community benefit Societies Act 2014, other than a society registered as a credit union.
- “**land**” excludes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not carry with it a right for the relevant person (alone or jointly with another) to occupy the land or to receive income;
- “**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 within a building society.

Members' Code of Conduct

PERSONAL INTERESTS

(1)	Any body of which you are in a position of general control or management and to which you are appointed or nominated by the Council:
	None
(2)	Any body; exercising functions of a public nature directed to charitable purposes; or 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;

	<p>Irchester Youth Centre Trust – Tresusrer Irchester Youth Club – Youth Leader Irchester Community Primary School / NVP – Governor (Chairperson of Finance and Resources Committee)</p>
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- (3) Any gifts or hospitality with an estimated value of at least £50 which you have received by virtue of your office, or a series of gifts or hospitality, from the same source within any 12-month period which together are worth more than the estimated value of £50. Please give details of the gift/hospitality and its source:**

None

These notes provide guidance about the information members should include on the register of disclosable pecuniary interests form.

The relevant section of the register is given in bold, followed by the corresponding guidance. It is a legal requirement that each member must register their disclosable pecuniary interests and those of their partner. Each individual member must make their own judgement about making a declaration and they should not rely on a direction from an officer, though if in doubt they may seek advice.

All Members are required to complete the form within 28 days of the code of conduct having been adopted by the Council or within 28 days of being elected, re-elected or appointed to the Council. Outside of this period, when members have declared a disclosable pecuniary interest at a meeting and that interest was not on their register, they must update their register within 28 days of that meeting. The same rule applies to members making decisions when acting alone. Failure to register or to declare a “disclosable pecuniary interest” is a criminal offence. So is speaking and voting unless you have a dispensation. This is punishable by a fine of up to £5,000 and/or disqualification as a councillor for up to five years.

Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation

You must provide details of any employment, trade, profession or vocation carried out for profit or gain. If employed. Please give the name of your employer, the title of the post held, or brief description of the activity concerned, for example ‘accountant’.

Sponsorship

You must provide details of any payment or provision of any other financial benefit made in respect of any expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses. This does not include any allowances paid to you by the Council, but it does include any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

You do not need to declare the amounts of any payments, only the name of the person or organisation making them.

Contracts

You must provide details of any contract made between you (or a body in which you have a beneficial interest) or your partner 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.

You must also provide details of any contract made between you and any organisation contracted to carry out business on the Council's behalf. You do not need to state what the financial arrangements are but should say how long the contract is for.

Land

You must provide details of any beneficial interest in land which is within the area covered by the Council. This includes the house in which you live, whether owned or rented. You should include any land in the council area in which you have a beneficial interest, including any land or property from which you receive rent, or of which you are the mortgagee, and should give the address of a brief description of the location. For this purpose, "land" excludes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not carry with it a right for you or your spouse/partner to occupy the land or to receive income from it.

Licences

You must provide details of any licence held (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land for a month or longer. This includes any allotments, garage licences, grazing arrangements or any other short-term arrangements to use the authority's land or property.

Corporate tenancies

You must please provide details of any land owned by the Council where you or your partner, in a personal or business capacity, is a tenant or has an interest or connection with a body which is a tenant and has a beneficial interest in the land. This includes all tenancies of property where the landlord is the Council, and the tenant is a company in which you or your partner has a beneficial interest or of which you or your partner is a director.

Securities

You must provide details of any beneficial interest in securities* of a body where that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area covered by the Council. You should list the names of any companies, industrial and provident societies, co-operative societies or other bodies corporate that (to your knowledge) are active in North Northamptonshire and in which you have a substantial interest.

You do not need to show the extent of your interest. Deposits with banks or building societies do not need to be shown.

You only need to provide details of your interest when the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body, or 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 relevant person has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class, stocks, shares or bonds

Part 2 – Non-Statutory Disclosable Interests

Non-Statutory Disclosable Interests (note – these are not disclosable pecuniary interests)

You should provide details of any other interests you wish to declare but which are not disclosable pecuniary interests.

Examples could include:

a) membership of, or position of control or management in any body to which you have been appointed by the Council as its representative;
b) membership of a body whose principal purposes include the influence of public opinion or policy; c) membership of a charitable organisation, a trade union, professional association or a private club; d) anything which relates to one of the disclosable pecuniary interests set out in this code but which affects a family member or other person with whom you have a close association other than your spouse or partner.

This category should not include organisations through which you have a disclosable pecuniary interest. Such organisations should be listed in the appropriate place elsewhere on the register.

Please note that the examples listed above are not exhaustive.

Part 3 - Sensitive Information

Where you consider that disclosure of the details of an interest could lead you, or a person connected to you, or a person connected with you, being subject to violence or intimidation, and the Monitoring Officer agrees, any published version of the register will exclude details of the interest but may state that you have an interest, the details of which are withheld.