

Register of Members' Interests – Congleton Town Council

Councillor: James Smith

Ward (if applicable): Congleton Town East

Notes:

- 1) Elected Members should consult the guidance notes that accompany this form and the Member Code of Conduct prior to completing the Register of Interest form. Whilst Members may seek advice from the Monitoring Officer, Clerk or ChALC 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 the Member 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 Member Code of Conduct, as an elected or co-opted member of CongletonTown Council, you must register your own disclosable pecuniary interests, as defined in the six categories set out below, together with those of your spouse or civil partner [or a person with whom you live as a spouse or civil partner] of which you are aware.

If you fail to do so, and then participate (speak or vote or both) at a Council or committee meeting, you may be committing a criminal offence.

Subject	Prescribed description	Details of Interest	Person with the interest (Member/spouse/civil partner)
<p>(1) Employment</p> <p><i>Note: show every employment that has to be declared for income tax purposes</i></p> <p><i>Note: Where any office is held, give the name of the person/body which made the appointment</i></p>	<p>Employment, office, (job), trade, business or vocation you, your spouse or civil partner have, for which you, your spouse or civil partner receive any benefit or gain (i.e. profit, salary or benefit in kind)</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Designer The University of Manchester</p>	<p>Spouse</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 person or body (other than the Parish/Town Council) who has made any payment to you in respect of your election or any expenses you have incurred in carrying out your duties as a Parish/Town Councillor. Please also include any payment or financial benefit received from a Trade Union.</p>		

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<p>(3) Securities</p> <p><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></p>	<p>Please give details of any body which has a place of business or owns land in the Parish/Town Council's area and in which you, your spouse or civil partner have a beneficial interest (a shareholding) of more than £25,000 (nominal value) or more than 1/100th of the total share issue of that body (whichever is the lower) or if there is more than one class of share, the total nominal value of shares in any class of that body of more than 1/100th of the total shares of that class.</p>		
<p>(4) Contracts for Goods, Works or Services with the Council</p> <p><i>Note: This relates to any current or ongoing contract for goods and services</i></p>	<p>Please give details of any current, existing contracts for goods, works or services between the Town/Parish Council and you, your spouse or civil partner any body, firm or company by which you, your spouse or civil partner are employed or which you, your spouse or civil partner own or in which you, your spouse or civil partner have a beneficial interest, referred to at 3 above.</p>		

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<p>(5) Land and Licences</p> <p><i>Note: this should include your own home or the home of your spouse/civil partner that is within the Town/Parish Council boundary and any property for which you, your spouse or civil partner receives rent or are mortgagees</i></p>	<p>The address or other description (sufficient to identify the location) of any land or property in the Parish/Town Council's area in which you, your spouse or civil partner have a beneficial interest. Please indicate whether you, your spouse or civil partner are the owner, lessee or tenant. You should include land in which you, your spouse or civil partner may have a licence, alone or with others, to occupy for a period of one month or longer. You must also include, for example, any allotments you, your spouse or civil partner rent or use</p>		
<p>(6) Corporate Tenancies: Land leased from Town/Parish Council</p> <p><i>Note: This applies to any corporate tenancy from... Town/Parish Council</i></p>	<p>Please give the address or other description (sufficient to identify the location) of any land leased or licensed from the Town/Parish Council by you, your spouse or civil partner or any body, firm or company by which you, your spouse or civil partner are employed or which you, your spouse or civil partner own or in which you, your spouse or civil partner have a beneficial interest (specified at 3 above).</p>		

B PERSONAL INTERESTS

Under Cheshire East Council's Member Code of Conduct, as an elected or co-opted member of Town/Parish Council, you must register the following Personal Interests. Failure to register and/or declare personal interests, or take appropriate action when a personal 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 Member Code of Conduct.

Description	Name of body	Nature of interest
A position of general control or management of any body to which you have been appointed or nominated by Town/Parish Council		
A position of general control or management of any body exercising functions of a public nature		

Description	Name of body	Nature of interest
A position of general control or management of any body directed to charitable purposes		
A position of general control or management of any body whose principle purposes include influencing of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union)	Liberal Democrats	Member

Please note that in addition to classes of personal interest set out above, you will have a personal 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 tax payers, 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 personal interest is also a prejudicial interest) if you are present when such business arises.

Please see the Member 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 of Congleton Town, I hereby give notice to the Monitoring Officer for Cheshire East Council of those disclosable pecuniary interests and personal interests which I am required to declare under the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 and Congleton Town Council's Member 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 spouse or civil partner or person 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 registrable personal interest, or change to any disclosable pecuniary interest or registerable personal 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 Congleton Town Council's Member 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:

Please complete your form electronically and return it to the Monitoring Officer by email to:-
monitoringofficercec@cheshireeast.gov.uk or to NikkiHewitt@chalc.org.uk