

REGISTER OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

GENERAL NOTICE OF REGISTRABLE INTERESTS

I, Councillor *Benjamin Henry Ferguson*,

a Member of Somerset County Council ('the Council') give notice that

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I / my spouse/civil partner (or person with whom I am living as such) have no registrable interests which are required to be declared under the Council's Code of Conduct, and I have put '**none**' where I / my spouse/civil partner (or person with whom I am living as such) have no such interests under any heading.

Or

I have set out below under the appropriate headings my interests, and those of my spouse/civil partner (or person with whom I am living as such) of which I am aware, which I am required to declare under the Council's Code of Conduct. These include any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (sections 1 to 5 below) under sections 29 to 31 of the Localism Act 2011 and The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, and I have put '**none**' where I / my spouse/civil partner (or person with whom I am living as such) have no such interests under any heading. Section 6 of the form relates to Personal Interests.

Note:

1. *Where you consider that information relating to any of your interests is a 'Sensitive Interest' you need not include that interest provided you have consulted with the Monitoring Officer and they agree that it need not be included. A 'Sensitive Interest' is an interest which could create or is likely to create a serious risk that you or a person connected with you may be subjected to violence or intimidation.*
2. *Where the interest is no longer a 'Sensitive Interest' you must notify the Monitoring Officer within 28 days of that change.*
3. *This form gives general guidance, but is not comprehensive. The County Council's Code of Conduct gives precise requirements. The Localism Act and the Regulations named above should be referred to where necessary. Continuation sheets should be used where needed and clearly marked.*
4. *The contents of the Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (sections 1 to 5 of the form) must be published on the Council's website subject to the omission of any Sensitive Interests – see note 1 above.*
5. *The contents of section 6 which relate to Personal Interests will be published on the Council's website unless you indicate otherwise in the appropriate place.*

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Please disclose the following information for you and your spouse/civil partner (or person with whom you are living as such) of which you are aware.

Please give details of any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain (i.e. profit, salary or benefit in kind), of yourself, or your partner. Please include a short description of the activity e.g. 'Accountant' or 'Farmer' and (ii) the name of any employer or body, firm or company which you, or your partner, own or have any beneficial interest. You should include any self-employment as well as where someone else employs you, or you partner.

1	Please state your employment or business carried out or any Partnerships or Directorships?	
	Description of your employment activity	Name of Employer or Body
1.1 You	Campaign Organiser (Employment)	Wells Liberal Democrats
1.2 Partner	—	—

2.	Do you receive payments to carry out your duties other than from the Council or towards election expenses?	
	Name of Person or Body making Payments	
2.1 You		

2.2 Partner		
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3.	Do you have any contracts with Somerset County Council?	
	Description of Contract	
3.1 You	<i>None</i>	-
3.2 Partner	-	-

4.	Do you have any interests in companies or securities of a body, with premises or land in the County?	
	Name of Company	
4.1 You	<i>None</i>	-
4.2 Partner	-	-

5.	Do you own, rent or occupy property or land in Somerset? You must include the land and house you, or your partner, live in.	
	Address/Description of Land	Nature of Interest in Land
5.1 You	21 High Street Axbridge Somerset BS26 2AF	Occupy
5.2 Partner	-	-

6.	Do you have any Corporate/Business tenancies where the Council is the landlord?	
	Address/Description of Property	Nature of Interest in Property
6.1 You	None	-
6.2 Partner	-	-

7.	Do you have any Licences to occupy land in the County?	
	Address/Description of Land	
7.1 You	None	-

7.2 Partner	—	—
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Personal Interests (please detail appointments to the 4 specific categories below)

8. Have you been appointed by this Council to Outside Bodies?	
Name of Organisation	Position
None	—
9. Do you hold membership of other Public Authorities?	
Name of Organisation	Position
None Axbridge Town Council	Member, Chair of Highways Advisory Group.
10. Do you hold membership of any body established for charitable purposes?	
Name of Organisation	Position
Mend The Gap	Volunteer

11. Do you hold membership of bodies influencing Public Opinion or Policy (including any political party)?

Name of Organisation

Liberal Democrats i - iv

i) Member

ii) Membership Secretary

*iii) Chair of Western Counties
Young Liberals*

*iv) Members of Liberal Democrats
Western Counties*

12. Do you hold membership of Trade Unions or Professional Associations?

Name of Organisation

None

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13. Any other information you wish to declare?

None.

Personal Interests (as detailed in Section 6 above)

Please tick the box if you **do not** consent to your Personal Interests being published on the Council's website.



14. Disclosure of Gifts and Hospitality

14.1 You must reveal the name of any person from whom you have received a gift or hospitality with an estimated value of at least £25 which you have received in your capacity as a member of the Council.

Date of receipt of Gift / Hospitality	Name of Donor	Reason and nature of Gift / Hospitality
None	None	None

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You are reminded that you must update the register within 28 days of receiving any further gift or hospitality with an estimated value of at least £25 by informing Democratic Services, democraticserviceteam@somerset.gov.uk.

15. Changes to Registered Interests

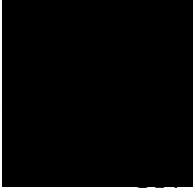
15.1. I understand that I must, within 28 days of becoming aware of any new or change in the above interests, including any change in relation to a Sensitive Interest, provide written notification thereof to the Council's Monitoring Officer.

15.2. I recognise that it is a breach of the Council's Code of Conduct to:

- (1) omit information that ought to be given in this notice;
- (2) provide information that is materially false or misleading; and
- (3) fail to give further notices in order to:
 - bring up to date information given in this notice; and
 - declare an interest that I acquire after the date of this notice and have to declare.

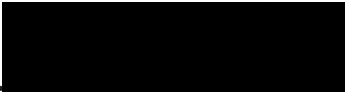
and that any breach of the Code of Conduct can be referred to the Council's Monitoring Officer.

15.3 I understand that failure (without reasonable excuse) to register or disclose any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in accordance with section 30(1) or 31(2), (3) or (7) of the Localism Act 2011, or participating in any discussion or vote in contravention of section 31(4) of the Localism Act 2011, or taking any steps in contravention of section 31(8) of the Localism Act 2011 is a criminal offence and risks a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale (currently £5,000) or disqualification as a member for a period not exceeding 5 years.

Signed:  (Councillor)

Date: 08/06/2022

RECEIVED:

Signed:  (Monitoring Officer)
(Somerset County Council)

Date: