

**REGISTER OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**  
**GENERAL NOTICE OF REGISTRABLE INTERESTS**



*The Code of Conduct for Somerset's City, Town and Parish Councils was adopted on*

17<sup>th</sup> May 2022

I, Councillor James Hood,

a Member of Bruton Town Council (the Council') give notice that

**Either**

I have no registrable interests which are required to be declared under the Council's Code of Conduct, and I have put 'none' where I 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 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 have no such interests under any heading.

**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 he agrees 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 Somerset 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 Localism Act 2011 extends the requirement for registration to cover not just the member's own interests, but also those of the member's spouse or civil partner, or someone living with the member in a similar capacity i.e. as their spouse for civil partner. There is no requirement to detail a spouse or civil partners interest separately.*

**1. Employment, Office, Trade, Profession or Vocation**

1.1 You should disclose any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain, including the name of any person or body who employs or has appointed you, **and that of your spouse/civil partner** (or person with whom you are living as such) of which you are aware.

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**2. Sponsorship**

2.1. You should declare any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the Council) made or provided within the last 12 months in respect of expenses incurred by you in carrying out your duties as a member, or towards your election expenses, **and of your spouse/civil partner** (or person with whom you are living as such) of which you are aware.

*Note - This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union*

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**3. Securities**

3.1 You should detail any beneficial interest in securities of a body which has to your knowledge a place of business or land in the Parish of Bruton and **either** the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital, **or** one hundredth of the total issued share capital of any class of shares issued, **and of your spouse/civil partner** (or person with whom you are living as such) of which you are aware.

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**4. Contracts**

4.1 You should detail any current undischarged contract made between you, or a body in which you have a beneficial interest, and the Council under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed, **and of your spouse/civil partner** (or person with whom you are living as such) of which you are aware.

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**5. Land, Licences and Corporate Tenancies**

**5.1 Land**

You should detail any beneficial interest in land (**and this includes your house**) within the Parish of Bruton (excluding any easement, or right in or over land which does not carry the right to occupy or receive income), **and of your spouse/civil partner** (or person with whom you are living as such) of which you are aware.

Joint owner (with wife) of:  
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16-18 St Catherines Hill, Bruton  
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42 Westfield, Bruton  
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**5.2 Licences**

You should detail any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the Parish of Bruton for a month or longer, **and those of your spouse/civil partner** (or person with whom you are living as such) of which you are aware:

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No  
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**5.3 Corporate Tenancies**

You should detail any tenancy where to your knowledge, the Council is the landlord and the tenant is a body in which you have a beneficial interest, **and any such tenancy of your spouse/civil partner** (or person with whom you are living as such) of which you are aware

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No  
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**6. Membership of other bodies**

6.1 Any body of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management and to which you are appointed or nominated by the Council.

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No  
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6.2 Any body exercising functions of a public nature (e.g. another local authority) of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management.

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No  
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6.3 Any body directed to charitable purposes of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management.

Self: director of Food Companion, Bruton CIC  
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Wife: director of One Planet Bruton CIC  
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6.4 Any body 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.

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No  
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### 7. Disclosure of Gifts and Hospitality

7.1 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
No.		

*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 completing a continuation sheet which may be obtained from your Clerk.*

**8. Changes to Registered Interests**

8.1. 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.

8.2. 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;
- (3) fail 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 have to declare

and that any breach of the Code of Conduct can be referred to the Standards Committee.

8.3 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.

8.4 I hereby undertake to comply with Somerset Council's Code of Conduct for Town, Parish and City Councils.

Signed:  ..... (Councillor)

Date: 15 - July - 2024 .....

Signed: .....  ..... (Monitoring Officer)

Date: .....

