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CLAIRE HOUGHTON

Cumberland Council

Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Registerable Interests

In order to comply with the Council's Code of Conduct, a Member or Co-opted Member ("M") must register their pecuniary and interests other than pecuniary interests with the Council's Monitoring Officer within 28 days of the date of their election or co-option. The Secretary of State has issued regulations (the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012) setting out what constitutes a disclosable pecuniary interest.

The Localism Act 2011 provides that disclosable pecuniary interests will cover the interests not just of the member, but also his/her spouse or civil partner, a person with whom he/she is living as husband and wife or a person with whom he/she is living as if they were civil partners and the member is aware that that other person has the interest.

Failure to register any such interest, failure to register within 28 days of election or co-option, or the provision of false or misleading information on registration without reasonable excuse are criminal offences.

Important Notes

You may complete the form electronically but you must print out and personally sign the completed form.

If in doubt about whether or not something should be declared, you are urged to err on the side of openness and avoid the risk of not registering something in error. If you have any difficulty completing any part of this form please contact the Council's Monitoring Officer for advice.

Please do not leave any boxes blank. If not appropriate please state "NONE".

Name of Member: (please print)

.....Claire Houghton.....

Council:

Keswick

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I give notice that I have set out below my disclosable pecuniary interests and those of my spouse/civil partner, which are required to be declared under the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, and in accordance with the Council's adopted Code of Conduct.

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

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

You should show every employment, office, trade, profession or vocation that you and your spouse/partner receive remuneration for other than simply repayment of expenses – a good example is would you have to declare for income tax purposes.

Give a short description of the activity concerned; for example 'Computer Operator' or 'Accountant'.

Where you hold an office, give the name of the person or body which appointed you. In case of a public office, this will be the authority which pays you.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- Railway Benefit Fund (charity). This is my current employer where I am employed part time (0.6 FTE) until September 15th 2023- at which date I will retire.

2. Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the relevant authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by M in carrying out duties as a member, or towards the election expenses of M.

This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

You should declare the name of any person or body that has made any payments to you towards your expenses as a councillor or towards your election expenses. You do not need to declare the amounts of any payments, only the name of the person or body making them.

It refers to payment of election expenses by a third party – you do not need to declare if you pay your election expenses yourself. This would usually mean a political party at election time.

NONE

3. Any contract which is made between the relevant person (or a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest) and the relevant authority—

(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 should list any contract made between yourself or your spouse/partner or a body in which either of you have a beneficial interest and the Council (or an organisation contracted to carry out business on its behalf).

NONE

4. Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the relevant authority.

You should include any land and buildings in the area of the Borough in which you or your spouse/partner have a beneficial interest. You should give the address or a brief description to identify it. If you live in the Borough you should include your home under this heading whether as owner, lessee or tenant.

You should also include any property from which you receive rent, or of which you are the mortgagee.

Any land in the Borough area in the ownership of a charity or organisation of which you or your spouse/partner are a trustee should also be included in this section.

“Land” also includes any buildings or parts of buildings.

NONE

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

You should include land in the area of the Borough which you or your spouse/partner have a right to occupy, but neither own nor have tenancy of. You should give the address or a brief description to identify it.

“Land” includes any buildings or parts of buildings.

NONE

6. Any tenancy where (to M's knowledge)—

- (a) the landlord is the relevant authority; and**
- (b) the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.**

You should declare any properties which you or your spouse/partner rent from the Council, or which is rented by a business which you or your spouse/partner owns or partly owns.

NONE

7. Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where—

- (a) that body (to M's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the relevant authority; 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) 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 interests exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.**

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 the Borough and in which you or your spouse/partner have a substantial interest. You do not need to show the extent of your interest.

You have a substantial interest if you own shares or other securities in the company with a nominal value of more than £25,000 or more than 1/100th of the issued share or securities. If there are several classes of shares or securities, the fraction of 1/100th applies to any of these classes.

The company or body corporate is active in the Borough if it has land or a place of business in the Borough.

NONE

Other Registrable Interests

These interests are what the Council has determined should be entered into the authority's register of interests

8. Details of 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.

You should include the names of any bodies of which you have been appointed to represent the Council and the position you hold on those bodies.

NONE

9. Details of any body of which you are a member, or in a position of general control or management, and which:

- a) Exercises function of a public nature;
- b) Is directed towards charitable purposes; or
- c) Is a body which includes as one of its principal purposes influencing public opinion or policy (this includes political parties or trade unions)

You should include the names of any bodies you are a member of or are in a position of general control or management such as charities, political groups and trade unions and the position you hold on those bodies.

Examples of bodies which exercise function of a public nature include: government agencies, other councils, public health bodies, council-owned companies exercising public functions, arms-length management organisations carrying out housing functions on behalf of your authority, school governing bodies.

Trustee- Mind over Mountains (charity)
CEO- Railway Benefit Fund (charity).
Former member of the Labour Party (membership expired in March 2023 and I will not be renewing).

10. Details of any persons from whom you have received a gift or hospitality with an estimated value of at least £50. (You must register any gifts or hospitality worth £50 or over that you receive personally in connection with your official duties).

You should give the names of any person and organisation that you have received a gift or hospitality from with an estimated value of at least £50 in connection with your duties as a councillor. You should also give details on the nature of the gift or hospitality, when you received it and its estimated value.

NONE

Signed:

Dated: 23/5/23