# STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

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**Register of Member’s Interests**

**required under the Localism Act 2011**

The Localism Act and The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 requires all members of local authorities to complete and submit a form detailing their Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI’s). This form is provided so that you can comply with this statutory requirement. It is your responsibility to ensure that the information provided makes the nature of your interest clear.

Failing to complete this form, omitting information that ought to be given, or providing information that is false or misleading will usually be a criminal offence. As will taking part in any business of your council in which you have a DPI.

You must, within 28 days of your election or appointment as a member register your DPI’s. Registration shall be by providing the District Council's Monitoring Officer with this form fully completed. If you have any questions, please contact the Monitoring Officer, Claire Hughes – claire.hughes@stroud.gov.uk

Members of Town and Parish Councils should submit their forms (or details of any changes in their interests), to their Council’s Clerk who will then send it to Democratic Services.

You must also, within 28 days of becoming aware of any new DPI or any change to an interest you have already registered (such as a change of address or job for example), register details of that new interest or change. You should do this by providing written notification with sufficient details of the new interest or the change for the Monitoring Officer to properly update the Register.

Where you have declared a DPI at a meeting which is not already in the Register of Member’s Interests, and in respect of which no notice has already been given to the Monitoring Officer, you must, within 28 days of making the declaration, provide sufficient details of the interest for the Monitoring Officer to properly update the Register.

Unless you have a sensitive interest, your details will be part of the Register of Member’s Interests which is a public document and will be available for public inspection at the District Council’s offices and on the website.

**Sensitive Interests**: where a member or co-opted member has an interest, which they think is sensitive because disclosure of the details of the interest could lead to that member or co-opted member, or a person connected with that member or co-opted member, being subject to violence or intimidation, they should consult the Monitoring Officer. If the Monitoring Officer agrees it is a Sensitive Interest, copies of the Register of Members’ Interests that are made available for inspection, and any published version of the Register, will not include details of the particular interest but will state that the member has an interest the details of which are withheld under the Localism Act 2011. The Monitoring Officer will take a sympathetic approach to requests, but it has to be agreed by them and you still have to provide the information so that it is held on record.

The descriptions of the DPI’s given below are a plain English interpretation of the definitions in the regulations. If you have any doubts please refer to the regulations - The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012.

Entries relating to land (in section 4 below) must include a clear description sufficient to identify the land. Land includes property and buildings on land - for example your house - and you should include the postal address. A beneficial interest includes freehold and leasehold (tenancy) interests and any legal rights you may have over property, for example a right of way, or an option to purchase, or a right to the income from the land.

It also includes licences for longer than one month and this will apply to allotments, but you only need to provide details of land/property within the area of the council upon which you serve.

In most cases the postal address will suffice in identifying a residential or business property. However in the case of agricultural or other land, such land must be described in a manner which is good enough to identify its location and extent. For example, a description such as “Blackberry Farm, Slimbridge”, would be insufficient. The description should read something like “approximately 62 hectares forming Blackberry Farm and shown edged red on the enclosed plan”. It would be helpful if OS. Field Nos. were also quoted.

The descriptions below refer to “partners”. A partner is your spouse, or civil partner, or person who you live with as if they were your spouse or civil partner. In most instances, as mentioned below, your partner’s interest is your interest and they are to go on the form as DPI’s.

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**PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS OF THE DPI’S DESCRIBED BELOW**: **(You must state “None” in the relevant box where you or your partner have no interest in a particular category).**

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| NAME:  (Block Capitals) | | |
| COUNCIL: | | |
|  | Your Interests | Partner’s Interests |
| **1.**  Employment: any employment or office held, or trade, profession or vocation carried on, by you or your partner for profit or gain.  ***Note:*** *Give a short description, including the name of your employer or the person who, or body which, appointed you to an office, if you are self employed - please include the trading name* |  |  |
| **2.** Sponsorship: any payment or financial benefit towards your election expenses or expenses as a member received within the last 12 months, excluding any from your council.  ***Note:*** *This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992. Please disclose the amounts of any payments.* |  |  |
| **3.** Contracts: any current contract between your council and you, or your partner, or any body in which you or your partner are a partner, director, or shareholder.  ***Note:*** *State briefly the contractor and the subject and length of the contract. You do not need to disclose any financial details*. |  |  |
| **4.** Land: any land which is in your Council’s area which you or your partner own, have a right to occupy, or receive the income from (excluding a licence to occupy land for less than a month).  ***Note:*** *This includes the land relating to any property you own or rent, including your home, garages, allotments etc. State the address or brief description to identify it (including postcode or land registry number, if known) and whether you are the* ***owner, lessee or tenant****. You should also include any property from which rent or mortgage payment is received.* |  |  |

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|  | Your Interests | Partner’s Interests |
| **5.** Licences – any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the relevant council for a month or longer. (This includes allotments in your council’s area)  ***Note:*** *Please state the address or brief description to identify the land (including postcode).* |  |  |
| **6.** Corporate tenancies: any tenancy between your council and a body in which you or your partner are a partner, director, or shareholder.  ***Note:*** *Please state the address including postcode or brief description to identify the land and name the tenant.* |  |  |
| **7.** Securities: any beneficial interest in any shares or other securities of any description in a body held by you or your or your partner if the body has a place of business or land in your council’s area, and:   * the total value of the securities held is over £25,000, or * you or your partner hold more than one hundredth of the total issued share capital of the body, or * if the body has more than one class of shares you or your partner hold more one hundredth of the issued share capital of that class   ***Note*:** *State the name of the body. The nominal value is the value on the face of the security and is not the value at the time of acquisition or its current market value. Securities held in the name others, but in which you or your spouse or civil partner have a beneficial interest are included. You do not need to disclose the amount of the interest.* |  |  |
| **Sensitive Interests**  If you have an interest that is sensitive and publication could be considered as leading to violence or intimidation please indicate here so that a conversation with the monitoring officer can be arranged. | | |

**Other Registerable Interests**

Please provide details below of other registerable interests

**I am an unpaid director.**

Please provide further details below:

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**I am a member of, or in a position of general control or management to which I was nominated or appointed by the Council.**

Please provide further details below.

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**I am a member of, or I am in a position of general control or management in the following body/bodies:**

**(a) exercising functions of a public nature (e.g. school governing body or another Council)**

Please provide further detail below.

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1. **directed to charitable purposes.**

Please provide further detail below.

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1. **one** **of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union)**

Please provide further detail below.

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**DECLARATION**

I have not omitted information that ought to be given in this notice and have not provided information that is false or misleading.

Signed ……………………………….………. Dated ……………………………