# NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL AND NORTHUMBERLAND TOWN / PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

## Register of Members' and Co-opted Members' Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Registerable Interests

***Please note: The purpose of registering interests is to ensure openness and transparency and for members of the public to be assured you are not being unduly influenced in decision making.***

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**Declaration:**

I, Suzanne Fairless-Aitken (print name), the Councillor/Co-opted Member

for Hexham East - Priestpopple

(county council electoral division or town / parish council (and ward, if applicable),

on, 04/08/2023 give notice that I have set out my interests below in the appropriate areas and have put '**NONE'** where I have no such interest.

**I understand and acknowledge that:-**

1. Within 28 days of
   a) becoming a member;
   b) re-election; or
   c) re-appointment (as a Co-opted member)

   to office, I must register with the Monitoring Officer the interests which fall within the categories set out in **Table 1 (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests)** below which are as described in "The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012".

2. I should also register details of my other personal interests which fall within the categories set out in **Table 2 (Other Registerable Interests**) below.

3. I must ensure that my register of interests is kept up-to-date and within 28 days of becoming aware of any new interest, or of any change to a registered interest, notify the Monitoring Officer.

4. Where I have a Sensitive Interest' I must notify the Monitoring Officer with the reasons why I believe it is a sensitive interest. The Monitoring Officer will consider my representations and if they agree they will withhold the Sensitive Interest from the public register. If the Monitoring Office is not satisfied the declared interest is a Sensitive Interest' the interest will be registered in the usual way.

***"Disclosable Pecuniary Interest"*** means an interest of yourself, or of your partner if you are aware of your partner's interest, within the descriptions set out in Table 1 below.

***"Partner"*** means a spouse or civil partner, or a person with whom you are living as husband or wife, or a person with whom you are living as if you are civil partners.

'***Sensitive Interest***' is as an interest which, if disclosed, could lead to the councillor holding the interest, or a person connected with the councillor, being subject to violence or intimidation

## 1. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

This table sets out the explanation of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests as set out in the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012.

Please answer all parts of this form. You must enter information in every box. If you do not have an interest in a particular question please put "**None**". All of your interests must be properly recorded in the appropriate areas.

Please provide details of:-

| **Member's Name:** | **NCC Electoral Division or Town/Parish Council:** |
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| Suzanne Fairless-Aitken | Hexham East - Priestpopple |

| **Disclosable pecuniary interests** | **You** | **Partner** |
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| **(a) Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation**<br><br>Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain. | Permissions Editor - Poetry (Bloodaxe Books Ltd) Self employed - Swift Permissions - editing services | GP - Northumbria Health Care Trust - Haydon Bridge/Allendale |
| **(b) Sponsorship**<br><br>Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the council) made to the councillor during the previous 12-month period for expenses incurred by him/her in carrying out his/her duties as a councillor, or towards his/her election expenses.<br><br>This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992. | none | none |
| **(c) Contracts**<br><br>Any contract made between the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners (or a firm in which such person is a partner, or an incorporated | None | none |

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| body of which such person is a director* or a body that such person has a beneficial interest in the securities of*) and the council -<br><br>a. under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and<br>b. which has not been fully discharged. | | |
| **(d) Land and Property**<br><br>Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the council.<br><br>'Land' excludes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not give the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners (alone or jointly with another) a right to occupy or to receive income. | None | none |
| **(e) Licences**<br><br>Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the council for a month or longer | None | none |
| **(f) Corporate tenancies**<br><br>Any tenancy where (to the councillor's knowledge)-<br>a. the landlord is the council; and<br>b. the tenant is a body that the councillor, or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners is a partner of or a director* of or has a beneficial interest in the securities* of. | None | none |

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| **(g) Securities**<br><br>Any beneficial interest in securities* of a body where-<br><br>a. that body (to the councillor's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the council; and<br><br>b. either-<br>i. the total nominal value of the securities* exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body;<br><br>or<br><br>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 councillor, or his/ her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class. | None | none |

* 'director' includes a member of the committee of management of an industrial and provident society.

* 'securities' means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description, other than money deposited with a building society.

## 2. Other Registerable Interests

Please answer all parts of this form. You must enter information in every box. If you do not have an interest in a particular question please put "**None**". All of your interests must be properly recorded in the appropriate areas.

**Please note this section only means <u>your</u> interests and <u>not</u> those of your spouse, partner etc.**

Please provide details of your membership of, or your occupation of a position of general control or management in any: -

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| (a) Any body of which the member is in a position of general control or management and to which he/she is appointed or nominated by the Council;<br><br>*Example: Any outside organisation that you have been appointed to by your Council including directorships of Council owned companies.* | Queen's Hall - Director |
| (b) Any body exercising functions of a public nature;<br><br>*Example: School Governors* | none |
| (c) Any body directed to or which has charitable purposes;<br><br>*Example: National Trust, RSPCA*<br><br>**NB: It should be noted that the term "any body directed to or which has charitable purposes" can include organisations which do not fall within the legal definition of a charity. If you have any queries as to whether you need to register an interest in this (or any other category) then please speak to the Monitoring Officer.** | none |
| (d) Any body one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which the member of the Council is a member or in a position of general control or management;<br><br>*Example: Political Party, Trade Union* | Liberal Demoncrats |
| (e) Any body which is a fraternal or sororal organisation(s)<br><br>*For example these are organisations where one of the main purposes is to benefit either the "brothers or sisters" of that organisation such as perhaps Women's Institute, Foresters, Lions, Round Table, Scouts, Freemasons. However please always check with the Council's Monitoring Officer* | None |

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| (f) Any body which is not open to members of the public without membership of that organisation and where membership includes a requirement to make a commitment of allegiance<br><br>*For example these are organisations where you sign an allegiance to that membership organisation to the effect that you will act in the best interest of that organisation and/or their members. Members will be aware if they have membership of organisations with these requirements, however please check with the Council's Monitoring Officer if necessary.* | None |
| (g) Declare administrator, editor, and similar rights for all online and social media where it is not clear from the information freely available to the public. This includes all websites, Facebook profiles, pages groups etc, twitter accounts, Instagram accounts and all other such media.<br><br>*Note: This would only cover social media involvement where you are acting in your capacity as a councillor or are giving the impression that you are acting in your capacity as a councillor. For example, any social media which comments on the business of the Council, but not social media which typically covers sports, music, pastimes or personal life etc* | Suzanne @happierhexham on Facebook - Liberal Democrat affiliated Hexham Town Council - page admin - Facebook |
| (h) Any other voluntary declarations that are not mentioned in the paragraphs (a) to (g) above | none |
| **To register gifts and hospitality** | |
| (i) Any person/organisation from whom you have received within the previous three years gifts or hospitality worth more than an estimated value of £50 which you have received by virtue of your office. | No |

| **General Notice of Registerable Interests** | |
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| **Date of Notice** | **Date of Receipt by Monitoring Officer** |
| 8/4/2023 11:00:43 AM | 04/08/2023 |

| **Notice(s) of Revisions** | |
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