

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

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**Important - You must read the following declaration below and sign to indicate that you understand and agree.**

### Declaration:

I give notice that I have set out my interests below in the appropriate areas and have put '**None**' where there are no interests or, if I am submitting an amendment, put '**No change**' where applicable.

I understand and acknowledge the following:

1. I must complete, sign and return this notice to the Monitoring Officer **within 28 days of my election or appointment to office.**
2. If any of my interests change, I must submit a new form and return this to the Monitoring Officer **within 28 days of the change.**
3. I understand that *Disclosable Pecuniary Interests* include not only my interests, but also the interests of my spouse or civil partner, a person with whom I am living as husband or wife or civil partner (so far as I am aware of the interests of that person).
4. I understand that it is a criminal offence and that I can be referred to the Police and face a conviction and fine of up to £5,000 or disqualification of up to five years if I:
  - a. fail to register a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) with the Monitoring Officer within 28 days of my election or re-election
  - b. fail to declare at a meeting any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest which is not yet registered or notified to the Monitoring Officer
  - c. take part in the debate, vote at any meeting or seek to influence a decision where I have a registered or unregistered Disclosable Pecuniary Interest
  - d. if I have declared an unregistered Disclosable Pecuniary Interest at a meeting, fail to register that within 28 days of that declaration
  - e. provide false or misleading information in relation to any registration or be reckless as to its accuracy
  - f. take any steps or further action on a matter in which I have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest other than referring it elsewhere.

5. I understand that the *Personal Interests* registered should also be declared at meetings and that these would become *Prejudicial Interests* in certain circumstances and that failure to declare these can result in a referral to the Monitoring Officer as a breach of the Code of Conduct.
6. I understand that I must, **within 28 days of receiving any gift or hospitality in my capacity as a Member, with an estimated value £25 or more**, provide written notification by completing the 'Registration of gifts and hospitality' form and returning it to the Monitoring Officer.
7. I understand that any findings of non-disclosure within the prescribed time limits will result in a referral to the Monitoring Officer for further action and if it relates to a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, can result in a referral to the Police.
8. If I feel I have an interest which, if disclosed on a public register, could lead to myself or a person connected to me being subject to violence or intimidation, then I must disclose this as a sensitive interest to the Monitoring Officer.
9. I recognise that I have a legal duty to complete this form and that I must not:
  - omit any information which ought to be given in this notice
  - provide information that is materially false or misleading
  - fail to update this information as my circumstances change.

Signature	M Thomas
Date	9 May 2023

Please return forms to:

The Monitoring Officer  
c/o Democratic Governance  
Blackpool Council  
PO Box 4  
Blackpool  
FY1 1NA

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Received by:

Monitoring Officer's signature (or Deputy)	Mark Towers
Date	12 May 2023

## Amendment Record

Amendment(s)	<b>Marked 1*</b>	<b>Date</b>
Signature	M Thomas	28/06/2023
Monitoring Officer's Signature (or Deputy)	M Towers	28/06/2023
Amendment(s)	<b>Marked 2*</b>	<b>Date</b>
Signature	M Thomas	18/01/2024
Monitoring Officer's Signature (or Deputy)	LA Hurst	23/01/2024
Amendment(s)	<b>Marked 3*</b>	<b>Date</b>
Signature		
Monitoring Officer's Signature (or Deputy)		
Amendment(s)	<b>Marked 4*</b>	<b>Date</b>
Signature		
Monitoring Officer's Signature (or Deputy)		

### Notes:

- Please retain one copy for your own records and send the original to the Monitoring Officer
- Your current register of interests can be viewed in the 'Your Councillors' area on the Council's website at [www.blackpool.gov.uk/Your-Council/Your-councillors](http://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Your-Council/Your-councillors)

## Part 1: Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

- Please answer all parts of this form. You must enter information in each area or put 'none' if you do not have an interest or 'no change' as appropriate if you are submitting the form to amend your interests.
- A separate guidance note is included at the end, which you should read when completing the form.

Disclosable pecuniary interest	You	Your spouse or civil partner, a person with whom you are living with as husband or wife, or a person with whom you are living as if they were a civil partner
<p><b>a) Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation</b></p> <p>Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.</p>	<p>Teacher – employed by Cidari Multi-academy Trust at St George's Church of England High School, presently at Fleetwood High School on secondment.</p> <p>Examiner for AQA*1</p>	<p>Employee of Blackpool Transport Limited</p> <p><b>*2</b></p>
<p><b>b) Sponsorship</b></p> <p>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 you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses.</p> <p>This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>
<p><b>c) Contracts</b></p> <p>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</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and</li> <li>which has not been fully discharged.</li> </ol>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>

Disclosable pecuniary interest	You	Your spouse or civil partner, a person with whom you are living with as husband or wife, or a person with whom you are living as if they were a civil partner
<p>d) <b>Land</b></p> <p>Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the relevant authority.</p>	<p>An interest has been registered, but the details have been withheld.</p>	<p>An interest has been registered, but the details have been withheld. <b>*2</b></p>
<p>e) <b>Licences</b></p> <p>Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the relevant authority for a month or longer.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>f) <b>Corporate tenancies</b></p> <p>Any tenancy where (to your knowledge)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. the landlord is the relevant authority; and</li> <li>ii. the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.</li> </ul>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>g) <b>Securities</b></p> <p>Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the relevant authority; and</li> <li>ii. either— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or</li> <li>b. 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 interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>

## Part 2: Personal Interests

- Please answer all parts of this form. You must enter information in each area or put 'none' if you do not have an interest or 'no change' as appropriate if you are submitting the form to amend your interests.

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

None

**a) A body to which you are appointed or nominated by your authority**

*Examples: Any outside organisation that you have been appointed to by the Council eg Council owned company, Combined Fire Authority, Blackpool Boys and Girls Club Management Committee, Blackpool Citizens Advice Bureau Management Committee etc*

None

**b) A body exercising functions of a public nature**

*Examples: Clinical Commissioning Group/Governing Body, school academy governing bodies, or other public body where you have not been appointed to by the Council etc*

Royal Academy of Engineering

**c) A body directed to charitable purposes**

*Examples: Any charitable trusts or community/voluntary organisations eg NSPCC, Cancer Research UK, Salvation Army, Rotary Club, or Freemason Lodge, National Trust etc*

Labour Party  
National Education Union

**d) A body whose principal purposes include the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union)**

*Examples: political parties, single interest action groups, Friends of the Earth, Unison, Unite, USDAW etc*

## Additional guidance on Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Please read this guidance when completing the registration of interest form

Disclosable pecuniary interest	Guidance notes
<p><b>a) Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation</b> Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.</p>	<p><i>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 may be those that you have to declare for income tax purposes.</i></p> <p><i>You should include details of any employment/office/trade etc whether or not this is in Blackpool.</i></p> <p><i>Give a short description of the activity concerned; for example 'Computer Operator' or 'Accountant' and the name of the organisation. You do not need to give the full address but you should include the location where the organisation operates.</i></p> <p><i>Council appointments to outside bodies, including those for which an allowance or other remuneration is received, would not normally be registered in this part of the form - instead, these should be registered in Part 2(a) of the form (ie Council appointments to outside bodies).</i></p> <p><i>However, please note that any other employment, office, profession etc that you or your spouse/partner carries out for profit or gain <u>of your own volition</u> must be listed here.</i></p> <p><i>If you and/ or your partner/ spouse is 'unemployed' or 'retired' then an entry to that effect would suffice if you wish to include this.</i></p>
<p><b>b) Sponsorship</b> 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 you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses.</p> <p>This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.</p>	<p><i>You should declare the name of any person or body who has made any payments to you or your spouse/partner towards expenses as a councillor or towards election expenses. This may also include expenses where you spouse/partner stood for election but was not successful.</i></p> <p><i>This section would also include any payment or financial benefit for joint election campaigns ie where there is more than one election taking place at the same time.</i></p> <p><i>Examples include payment of election expenses by a political party at election time or any other third party.</i></p> <p><i>You do not need to declare if you pay your election expenses yourself.</i></p> <p><i>If a political party contributes towards you undertaking your duties as a councillor, then this should also be included (eg contribution towards dealing with ward matters).</i></p> <p><i>You do not need to declare the amounts of any payments, only the name of the person or body making them.</i></p>

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<p><b>c) Contracts</b></p> <p>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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and</li> <li>ii. which has not been fully discharged.</li> </ul>	<p><i>You should describe all contracts for goods or services of which are aware made between Blackpool Council (or an organisation contracted to carry out business on its behalf) and yourself or your spouse/partner or a body in which either of you have a beneficial interest.</i></p> <p><i>If part of a group of companies, you should give the name of the individual company and not the parent company or other subsidiary.</i></p> <p><i>You should include the name of the company and a brief description of the goods, services or works included in the contract and relevant dates.</i></p> <p><i>You need not say what the financial arrangements are or the contract terms, but you should state the dates of the contract if known.</i></p> <p><i>If the contract has been completed (ie no more services or payments arising) you do not need to include it.</i></p>
<p><b>d) Land</b></p> <p>Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the relevant authority.</p>	<p><i>You should include any land and buildings in Blackpool in which you or your spouse/partner have a beneficial interest.</i></p> <p><i>If you live in the Borough you should include your home under this heading whether as owner, landlord, tenant or lodger, whether or not you pay the mortgage/rent. You should also include any property from which you or your spouse/partner receives rent, or of which you or your spouse/partner are the mortgagee or own outright.</i></p> <p><i>You should give the address or a brief description to identify it.</i></p> <p><i>'Land' also includes any buildings or parts of buildings.</i></p>
<p><b>e) Licences</b></p> <p>Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the relevant authority for a month or longer.</p>	<p><i>You should include land in Blackpool which you or your spouse/partner have a right to occupy for more than a month, but neither own nor have tenancy of.</i></p> <p><i>Examples includes any allotments you use, a market licence, a concession on the promenade or a street trading licence.</i></p> <p><i>You should give the address or a brief description to identify it.</i></p> <p><i>'Land' includes any buildings or parts of buildings.</i></p>

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<p><b>f) Corporate tenancies</b></p> <p>Any tenancy where (to your knowledge)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the landlord is the relevant authority; and</li> <li>the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.</li> </ol>	<p><i>Include here any land or property leased (tenanted) to your knowledge from the Council to:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>any firm in which you or your spouse/partner is a partner or director or</i></li> <li><i>a body in which you or your spouse/partner has a beneficial interest (eg owns shares).</i></li> </ol> <p><i>‘Director’ includes a member of the management committee of an industrial and provident society.</i></p> <p><i>As this relates to <u>corporate</u> tenancies, you do not need to include your property if you are a Council house residential tenant.</i></p>
<p><b>g) Securities</b></p> <p>Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the relevant authority; and</li> <li>either— <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or</li> <li>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 interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p><i>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 (see below).</i></p> <p><i>You do not need to show the value of your interest.</i></p> <p><i>You have a substantial interest if:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>you or your spouse/partner owns shares or other securities in the company with a nominal value of more than £25,000</i></li> <li><i>you or your spouse/partner owns more than 1/100th of the issued shares or securities. If there are several classes of shares or securities, the fraction of 1/100th applies to any of these classes.</i></li> </ul> <p><i>The company or body corporate is active in the Borough if it has land or a place of business in the Borough.</i></p> <p><i>For the avoidance of doubt, £25,000 does not include any savings.</i></p>