



HASLEMERE TOWN

COUNCIL

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

Introduction

You are a member of Haslemere Town Council and hence you shall have regard to the following principles – selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership.

Accordingly, when acting in your capacity as a member:

- You must act solely in the public interest and should never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person or act to gain financial or other material benefits for yourself, your family, a friend or close associate.
- You must not place yourself under a financial or other obligation to outside individuals or organisations that might seek to influence you in the performance of your official duties.
- When carrying out your public duties you must make all choices, such as making public appointments, awarding contracts or recommending individuals for rewards or benefits, on merit.
- You are accountable for your decisions to the public and you must co-operate fully with whatever scrutiny is appropriate to your office.
- You must be as open as possible about your decisions and actions and the decisions and actions of your authority and should be prepared to give reasons for those decisions and actions.
- You must declare any private interests, both pecuniary and non-pecuniary, including your membership of any Trade Union, that relate to your public duties and must take steps to resolve any conflicts arising in a way that protects the public interest, including registering and declaring interests in a manner conforming with the procedures set out in the box below.

- You must, when using or authorising the use by others of the resources of your authority, ensure that such resources are not used improperly for political purposes (including party political purposes) and you must have regard to any applicable Local Authority Code of Publicity made under the Local Government Act 1986.
- You must promote and support high standards of conduct when serving in your public post, in particular as characterised by the above requirements, by leadership and example.

Registering and declaring pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

You must, within 28 days of taking office as a member, notify the Town Clerk/Monitoring Officer of any disclosable pecuniary interest as defined by regulations made by the Secretary of State, where the pecuniary interest is yours, your spouse's or civil partner's, or is the pecuniary interest of somebody with whom you are living with as a husband or wife, or as if you were civil partners.

In addition, you must, within 28 days of taking office as a member, notify the Town Clerk/Monitoring Officer of any disclosable pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest which your authority has decided should be included in the register or which you consider should be included if you are to fulfil your duty to act in conformity with the Seven Principles of Public Life. These non-pecuniary interests will necessarily include your membership of any Trade Union.

If an interest has not been entered onto the authority's register, then the member must disclose the interest to any meeting of the authority at which they are present, where they have a disclosable interest in any matter being considered and where the matter is not a 'sensitive interest'.¹

Following any disclosure of an interest not on the authority's register or the subject of pending notification, you must notify the monitoring officer of the interest within 28 days beginning with the date of disclosure.

Unless dispensation has been granted, you may not participate in any discussion of, vote on, or discharge any function related to any matter in which you have a pecuniary interest as defined by regulations made by the Secretary of State. Additionally, you must observe the restrictions your authority places on your involvement in matters where you have a pecuniary or non pecuniary interest as defined by your authority.

¹ A 'sensitive interest' is described in the Localism Act 2011 as a member or co-opted member of an authority having an interest, and the nature of the interest being such that the member or co-opted member, and the authority's monitoring officer, consider that disclosure of the details of the interest could lead to the member or co-opted member, or a person connected with the member or co-opted member, being subject to violence or intimidation.



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LOCALISM ACT 2011 s. 27-34

The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012

The **Haslemere Town Council** Member Code of Conduct

Notification by Member of Pecuniary and Other Interests

(Please do not leave any boxes blank. If not appropriate, please state 'None'.)

I (insert full name),

Geoffrey Conrad Whitby

of (address including postcode),

Beaconsfield
Grove Road
Hindhead
GU26 6QP

Being a Member **Haslemere Town Council** ("the Council") hereby GIVE NOTICE that I, my spouse or civil partner (or a person with whom I am living as husband and wife or as if we were civil partners¹) (hereby referred to as 'partner') have the following disclosable pecuniary interest within the description set out in the Schedule to the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interest) Regulations 2012, made by the Secretary of State in accordance with Section 30 of the Localism Act 2011 ('the Localism Act').

¹ Section 30(3)(b) Localism Act 2011

1 Disclosable² Pecuniary Interests

Employment

Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain, or yourself, or your partner.

NONE

Contracts

Any contract which is made between me or my spouse/partner (or a body in which that person has a beneficial interest) and the Council

(a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and

(b) which has not been fully discharged.

NONE

Sponsorship

Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the Town Council) made or provided to yourself, or your partner, within the period of 12 months ending on the date of this notification, in respect of any expenses incurred by me in carrying out duties as a member, or towards my election expenses.

This also includes payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992, Section 52.

NONE

² Specified in Schedule to the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012

Land

Any beneficial interest in land (e.g. my home) which is within the Town Council's area of yourself, or your partner.

This includes land which you, or your partner, own, lease, have the benefit of an options over, or have other rights in or over such as an easement or other burden or interest which carried the right to occupy land or receive income, or upon which you have a mortgage.

Home in Beacon Hill Hindhead

Licences

Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the Town Council's area for a month or longer.

NONE

Corporate Tenancies

Any tenancy where (to my knowledge) –

- (a) the landlord is the Town Council; and
- (b) the tenant is a body in which I or my spouse/partner has a beneficial interest.

Securities

Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where—

- (a) that body (to my knowledge) has a place of business or land in the Town Council's area; 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 I or my spouse/partner has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

(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, Section 8, and other securities of any description, other than money deposited with a building society.)

NONE

I GIVE FURTHER NOTICE that I have the following

2 Other Interests³

Non-pecuniary interests that arise from my membership of or my occupation of a position of general control or management in the following bodies

Bodies to which I have been appointed or nominated by the Council

Beacon Hill Focus Group Haslemere Active Travel Group
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³ Specified by section 5.4 of the Haslemere Town Council Member Code of Conduct

Bodies exercising functions of a public nature (eg another council, non departmental public body, executive agencies etc)

NONE

Bodies directed to charitable purposes (eg registered charities, local or national)

**Hindhead Royal British Legion
Whitmorevale Housing Association**

Bodies one of whose principal purposes include the influence of public opinion or policy (this includes political parties or trade unions and campaigning charities)

Liberal Democrats

I recognise and understand that it is a criminal offence (without reasonable excuse) to:

- Fail to tell the Town/Clerk/Monitoring Officer about any disclosable pecuniary interests within 28 days of election or re-election.
- Fail to disclose a disclosable pecuniary interest at a meeting if it is not on the register
- Fail to notify the Town Clerk/Monitoring Officer within 28 days of a disclosable pecuniary interest that is not on the register that I have disclosed to a meeting
- Participate in any discussion or vote on a matter in which I have a disclosable pecuniary interest
- Knowingly or recklessly provide false or misleading information, in notifying the Town Clerk/Monitoring Officer or a meeting of a disclosable pecuniary interest.

Date

Signed

02/09/2021

A. Smith

