

**REGISTER OF PARISH/COMMUNITY/TOWN COUNCILLOR'S INTERESTS**  
**DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS & DECLARABLE INTERESTS**

The Register of interests is maintained by the Monitoring Officer at North Hertfordshire Council in accordance with section 29 of the Localism Act 2011. It is a Councillor's responsibility to notify the Monitoring Officer of their interests and keep the Register up to date within 28 days of election or appointment or of any changes.<sup>1</sup>

This form is the Register of Interests for the Councillor named below:

I, (full name) JAMES HUBERT BIRCH

a Councillor of **Royston Town Council** (the 'Council'), set out below under the appropriate headings my interests, which I am required to declare under the Localism Act 2011 and my Code of Conduct.

<b>DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS ('DPIs')</b>
<p>Councillors are required by law<sup>2</sup> to register not only their own interests, but also any known interests under these headings of a "relevant person" i.e. your husband or wife, civil partner, or the interests of any person with whom you are living as husband and wife or as civil partners, as these interests are all considered to be a Councillor's (i.e. your) DPIs<sup>3</sup>.</p>
<p><b>1. Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation</b> Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on by you or a relevant person for profit or gain (includes any payments or benefits in kind).</p>
<p>MOBILE CATERER - JAMES BIRCH COFFEE SHOP - JAMES &amp; EMMA BIRCH CORN EXCHANGE MARKET HILL ROYSTON</p>
<p><b>2. Sponsorship/ other payments received in respect of your role as a Councillor</b> Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit made or provided within the last 12 months in respect of any expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a Councillor or towards your election expenses. 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 are <b>not</b> required to declare allowances or expenses received from your Council on this form.</p>
<p>NONE</p>

<sup>1</sup> NB if you require any assistance as to how to complete this document, please contact the Monitoring Officer or Deputy Monitoring Officer.  
<sup>2</sup> Localism Act 2011/ Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012  
<sup>3</sup> The exception is if this is a "Sensitive Interest" - see Code of Conduct. This must be agreed with the Monitoring Officer.

**3. Contracts**

Any contract for goods, services or works made between you, a relevant person (or a body in which you or the relevant person has a beneficial interest) and the Council, which has not been fully discharged.

NONE

**4. Land**

Any beneficial interest in land that you or a relevant person has within the Council area. Note this includes the full address for residential or commercial premises and for other land, a road/ map identification or TR/OS Grid reference.

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MELBETH SG8 6LW

**5. Licences**

Any licence (alone or jointly with others) which you, or a relevant person has to occupy land in the Council area for a month or longer.

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MARKET HILL ROYSTON

**6. Corporate tenancies**

Any tenancy between the Council as landlord and you, or a relevant person (or a body you or a relevant person has a beneficial interest in).

NONE

**7. Securities**

Any beneficial interest you or a relevant person has in securities of a body, where (to your knowledge):

a) that body has a place of business or land in the Council area; and

b) either

(i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issue 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 you have or a person referred to above has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issue share capital of that class.

NONE

**8. Gift and hospitality over £50 received or offered and refused:**

*If your Council has adopted the LGA model code – or a version of it you are required to declare both those accepted and those refused within 28 days.*

NONE

**9. OTHER REGISTRABLE INTERESTS (AS PER YOUR COUNCIL'S CODE REQUIREMENTS)**

*If you have adopted the LGA model these will be:*

a) *any body of which you are in general control or management and to which you are nominated or appointed by your authority*

b) *any body*

(i) *exercising functions of a public nature*

(ii) *any body directed to charitable purposes or*

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

NONE



**10. AMENDMENTS TO 1-9 ABOVE, WHERE THERE IS A MINOR CHANGE/ AMENDMENT TO ONE SECTION.**

*This can be detailed below with reference to the relevant section, initialled and dated [e.g. Details under section 7 above are now as follows].*


NONE

I have noted that it can be a criminal offence under the Localism Act 2011 and a potential breach of my Council's Code of Conduct to:-

- (1) omit information that must be given in this Register;
- (2) knowingly or recklessly provide information that is materially false or misleading;
- (3) fail to provide up to date information on my interests within 28 days.

I believe that the information provided by me in this Register is true.

If I have put "none", this is where I have no interest or am unaware of such interest in that heading. I acknowledge that section 29(6) of the Localism Act 2011 requires the Monitoring Officer to make this Register of Interests available for inspection and publish it on the Council's website.

Councillor signature :  .....

[NB your signature will be redacted before being put on the Council's website]

Date: 20/5/22