

**South Lakeland District Council**  
**Standards Committee**

**Monday, 11 October 2021**

**Parish Register of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Registrable Interests**

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**Portfolio:** Not Applicable  
**Report from:** Monitoring Officer  
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**Wards:** Not Applicable  
**Forward Plan:** Not applicable  
**Links to Council Plan Priorities:**  
Working across boundaries – N/A  
Delivering a balanced community – N/A  
A fairer South Lakeland – Openness and transparency will help to provide a fairer South Lakeland  
Addressing the climate emergency – N/A

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**1.0 Expected Outcome and Measures of Success**

1.1 That the Standards Committee considers the review of the Parish register of disclosable pecuniary and other interests for Parish Councillors for the period to October 2021.

**2.0 Recommendation**

**2.1 It is recommended that the Committee notes the review of the Parish Register of Interests.**

**3.0 Background and Proposals**

3.1 Under the Localism Act 2011 Parish/Town Councillors are required to disclose those disclosable pecuniary interests as specified in regulations and any other interests which their local council has decided should also be registered in the Interests form.

3.2 Council at its meeting on 19 June 2012 encouraged Parish/Town Councils to adopt the District code of conduct, and the majority of Parishes/Towns within the District have done this and also adopted the same “other registrable interests”. Committee will appreciate that the Council has recently adopted a new code of conduct and this has been sent to CALC for wider distribution to the Parish / Town Councils.

3.3 As with the District Council the Monitoring Officer is required to maintain the register and ensure that it is available for inspection, as required by the Act, which also includes being available on the Council’s website. Parish/Town Councils must also ensure that the interests appear on their Parish/Town Council website if they have one.

- 3.4 In May 2021 there were 28 Parish elections in Blawith & Subberthwaite Parish Council; Broughton East Parish Council; Burton-in-Kendal Parish Council; Cartmel Fell Parish Council; Claife Parish Council; Colton Parish Council; Coniston Parish Council; Crook Parish Council; Crosthwaite & Lyth Parish Council; Haverthwaite Parish Council; Hawkshead Parish Council; Helsington Parish Council; Heversham Parish Council; Holme Parish Council; Levens Parish Council; Lindale & Newton-in-Cartmel Parish Council; Lowick Parish Council; Milnthorpe Parish Council; Preston Richard Parish Council; Satterthwaite Parish Council; Sedgwick Parish Council; Skelwith Parish Council; Stainton Parish Council; Staveley-in-Cartmel Parish Council; Staveley-with-Ings Parish Council; Torver Parish Council; Ulverston Twon Council; Witherslack, Meathop & Ulpha Parish Council. With the exception of four, the Monitoring Officer has received a register form from all newly elected Parish Councillors, with re-elected Parish Councillors either having provided either new or updated forms. A further update will be provided at the meeting.
- 3.5 A reminder has also been sent out to all Parish Clerks to request that all Parish/ Town Councillors review their interest forms and keep them updated.

3.5 Members are requested to note the review of the parish registers.

#### **4.0 Consultation**

4.1 All parishes have been asked to ensure that their Parish/Town Council register of interests are up to date.

#### **5.0 Alternative Options**

5.1 There are no alternative options. The annual review is part of the Committee's work programme.

#### **6.0 Implications**

##### **Financial, Resources and Procurement**

6.1 Not applicable

##### **Human Resources**

6.2 No issues identified

##### **Legal**

6.3 Members are required to ensure that they comply with the code of conduct and declare their disclosable pecuniary interests as appropriate. Failure to comply with the legislation with regard to disclose and participation at meetings on disclosable pecuniary interests is a criminal offence.

##### **Health and Sustainability Impact Assessment**

6.4 Have you completed a Health and Sustainability Impact Assessment? No

6.5 If you have not completed an Impact Assessment, please explain your reasons: Not applicable.

6.6 Summary of Health and Sustainability Impacts

		Positive	Neutral	Negative	Unknown
<b>Environment and Health</b>	Greenhouse gases emissions		X		
	Air Quality		X		
	Biodiversity		X		
	Impacts of Climate Change		X		
	Reduced or zero requirement for energy, building space, materials or travel		X		
	Active Travel		X		
<b>Economy and Culture</b>	Inclusive and sustainable development		X		
	Jobs and levels of pay		X		
	Healthier high streets		X		
	Culture, creativity and heritage		X		
<b>Housing and Communities</b>	Standard of housing		X		
	Access to housing		X		
	Crime		X		
	Social connectedness		X		

**Equality and Diversity**

6.7 Have you completed an Equality Impact Analysis? No

6.8 If you have not completed an Impact Analysis, please explain your reasons: Not applicable

6.9 Summary of Equality and Diversity impacts

Please indicate: P = Positive impact; 0 = Neutral; N = Negative; Enter "X"					
<b>Age</b>	P		0	X	N
<b>Disability</b>	P		0	X	N
<b>Gender reassignment (transgender)</b>	P		0	X	N
<b>Marriage &amp; civil partnership</b>	P		0	X	N
<b>Pregnancy &amp; maternity</b>	P		0	X	N
<b>Race/ethnicity</b>	P		0	X	N
<b>Religion or belief</b>	P		0	X	N
<b>Sex/gender</b>	P		0	X	N
<b>Sexual orientation</b>	P		0	X	N

<b>Armed forces families</b>	<b>P</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>N</b>	
<b>Rurality</b>	<b>P</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>N</b>	
<b>Socio-economic disadvantage</b>	<b>P</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>N</b>	

<b>Risk Management</b>	<b>Consequence</b>	<b>Controls required</b>
Registers not maintained or incomplete	Members could be in breach of the code/legislation	Regular monitoring of code and sufficient awareness and training
Members fail to make appropriate declarations	Risk of prosecution for failure to declare or participating in proceedings where they have a DPI	Ensure appropriate declarations are made and registers up to date and training provided

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Committee	11/10/2021
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Council	N/A