

REGISTER OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

The Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000 (Register of Interests) Regulations 2003

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I, **Kirsty Blackman nee West**, a member of Aberdeen City Council give notice that I have set out in the attached form, my interests as required to be declared under the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000 (Register of Interests) Regulations 2003. I have also ensured that where I have no applicable interest I have stated "none" in the relevant section(s).

I further understand that it is my responsibility to notify the City Solicitor, in writing, of any applicable change(s) in circumstances within one month of that/those changes occurring.

Please complete this form in conjunction with reading the relevant paragraphs as detailed at each section (extracted from the Councillors' Code of Conduct) together with the list of definitions included within the register. Please note the paragraph numbering relates to the sequence within the Code.

If you have any doubts as to whether or not you should declare a particular interest, it is wiser to supply the information rather than omit something which you should have declared.

1 REMUNERATION.

4.3 You have a registerable interest where you receive remuneration by virtue of being:

- employed;
- self-employed;
- the holder of an office;
- a director of an undertaking;
- a partner in a firm; or
- undertaking a trade, profession or vocation, or other work.

- 4.4 You do not have a registerable interest simply because you are a councillor.
- 4.5 If a position is not remunerated it does not need to be registered under this category. However, unremunerated directorships may need to be registered under category 2 "Related Undertakings".
- 4.6 If you receive any allowances in relation to membership of any organisation the fact that you receive such an allowance must be registered.
- 4.7 When registering employment, you must give the name of the employer, the nature of its business and the nature of the post held in the organisation.
- 4.8 When registering self-employment, you must provide the name and give details of the nature of the business. When registering an interest in a partnership, you must give the name of the partnership and the nature of its business.
- 4.9 Where you otherwise undertake a trade, profession or vocation, or any other work, the detail to be given is the nature of the work and its regularity. For example, if you write for a newspaper, you must give the name of the publication and the frequency of articles for which you are paid.
- 4.10 When registering a directorship, it is necessary to provide the registered name of the undertaking in which the directorship is held and detail the nature of its business.
- 4.11 Registration of a pension is not required as this falls outside the scope of the category.

(a) Give particulars of all paid employment specifying name(s) of employer(s), nature of business and title(s) of position(s) held. If self-employed give name and nature of business.

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Aberdeen AB24 2BR**

(b) If you are a partner in a business give name of partnership and nature of its business.

None

- (c) Give details of any office/membership held by you (outwith Aberdeen City Council) for which you receive payment – eg Trade Union or professional body. (Do not include any office/membership for which you do not receive remuneration, this is dealt with at Section 7).

None

- (d) Give details of any directorship(s) held by you (as specified at 4.10 above).

None

- (e) Give details of other paid work (as specified at 4.9 above).

None

2 RELATED UNDERTAKINGS.

4.12 You must register any directorships held which are themselves not remunerated but where the company (or other undertaking) in question is a subsidiary of, or a parent of, a company (or other undertaking) in which you hold a remunerated directorship.

4.13 You must register the name of the subsidiary or parent company or other undertaking and the nature of its business, and its relationship to the company or other undertaking in which you are a director and from which you receive remuneration.

4.14 The situations to which the above paragraphs apply are as follows:

you are a director of a board of an undertaking and receive remuneration – declared under Category one – and

you are a director of a parent or subsidiary undertaking but do not receive remuneration in that capacity.

Give details of any directorships held by you, as specified above.

**Director Garthdee Alpine Sports
Director Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre**

3 CONTRACTS.

4.15 You have a registerable interest where you (or a firm in which you are a partner, or an undertaking in which you are a director or in which you have shares of a value as described in paragraph 4.20 below) have made a contract with the Council of which you are a member:

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

(ii) which has not been fully discharged.

4.16 You must register a description of the contract, including its duration, but excluding the consideration.

Give details, as specified above, in relation to contracts with Aberdeen City Council which have not been fully discharged, including description of that/those contract(s) and duration.

None

4 ELECTION EXPENSES.

4.17 You must register a statement of any assistance towards election expenses received.

Give details of any assistance received for the May 2007 election, as specified above.

£185.83 (Donation of £153.12 from Aberdeen Central SNP and notional donation of £19.59 from NESRA SNP and of £13.12 from Graeme Dey)

5 HOUSES, LAND AND BUILDINGS.

4.18 You have a registerable interest where you own or have any other right or interest in houses, land and buildings, such as being an owner or a tenant, including council tenant.

4.19 You are required to give the address of the property, or otherwise give a description sufficient to identify it.

Give details of houses, land and buildings as specified above.

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6 SHARES AND SECURITIES.

4.20 You have a registerable interest where you have an interest in shares comprised in the share capital of a company or other body and the nominal value of the shares is:

(i) greater than 1% of the issued share capital of the company or other body; or

(ii) greater than £25,000.

Give details of any shares and securities held by you as specified above.

None

7 NON FINANCIAL INTERESTS.

4.21 Councillors may also have significant non-financial interests and it is equally important that relevant interests such as membership or holding office in public bodies, companies, clubs, societies and organisations such as trades unions and voluntary organisations, are registered and described. In this context, non-financial interests are those which members of the public might reasonably think could influence your actions, speeches or votes in the Council.

Give details of any office/membership held by you (outwith Aberdeen City Council), for which you do not receive remuneration, as specified above.

**Scottish National Party
Granite City Wanderers Hockey Club
Trustee Aberdeen Endowments Trust
Fersands Area Forum
Woodside, Hilton and Stockethill Neighbourhood Networks
Fersands Community Project, Fountain Community Project
Printfield Area Forum, Printfield Community Project
Fersands Area Forum
Trustee Aberdeen International Football Festival – date not confirmed
Robert Gordon’s College Former Pupils’ Association, The Gordonian
Association – 2004 onwards
Grampian Police Custody Project – 15/02/12
Grampian Fire and Rescue Service, Substitute Member – 06/02/12**

**No longer hold office on or a member of:
Children in Scotland – effective August 2009
Aberdeen City Alliance – effective August 2009
Robb’s Trust – effective August 2009**

**Children and Young People's COSLA Executive Group – effective
August 2009
Aberdeen Lads Club – effective September 2009
Kaleidoscope – effective September 2009
Young Scots for Independence – effective 2010
Trustee, Aberdeen International Youth Festival – effective Aug 2011
Governor, Robert Gordon's College – effective 2010**

8 GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY.

- 3.6 You must never ask for gifts or hospitality.
- 3.7 You are personally responsible for all decisions connected with the acceptance of gifts or hospitality offered to you and for avoiding the risk of damage to public confidence in your Council and in local government. As a general guide, it is usually appropriate to refuse offers except:
- (a) isolated gifts of a trivial character or inexpensive seasonal gifts such as a calendar or diary or other simple items of office equipment of modest value;
 - (b) normal hospitality associated with your duties and which would reasonably be regarded as appropriate; or
 - (c) civic gifts received on behalf of the Council.
- 3.8 You must not accept any offer by way of gift or hospitality which could give rise to a reasonable suspicion of influence on your part to show favour or disadvantage to any individual or organisation. You should also consider whether there may be any reasonable perception that any gift received by your spouse or cohabitee or by any company in which you have a controlling interest, or by a partnership of which you are a partner, can or would influence your judgement. The term "gift" includes benefits such as relief from indebtedness, loan concessions, or provision of services at a cost below that generally charged to members of the public.
- 3.9 You must not accept any offer of a gift or hospitality from any individual or organisation who is an applicant awaiting a decision from the Council or who is seeking to do business or to continue to do business with the Council. If you are making a visit to inspect equipment, vehicles, land or property, then as a general rule you should ensure that the Council pays for the cost of these visits.

- 3.10 You must only accept offers to attend social or sporting events where these are clearly part of the life of the community or where the Council would be expected to be represented.
- 3.11 You must not accept repeated hospitality from the same source.
- 3.12 If it is the practice of the Council to seek sponsorship for some of its activities or events, you must ensure that your involvement with the sponsors is limited to the event in question and does not damage public confidence in the relationship between the Council and the sponsors.
- 3.13 You must record with the appropriate officer the details of any gifts or hospitality received. This record will be available for public inspection.

Give details of all gifts/hospitality, as specified above, on the attached pro forma.

GIFTS/HOSPITALITY RECEIVED

Received From	Date Registered	Short Description of gift/hospitality	Approximate Value
AECC	15/10/08	Tickets for ABBA performance at the AECC	Accepted (passed on to Councillor Clark)
AECC	15/10/08	Tickets for Illegal Eagles performance at the AECC	Accepted (passed on to Alison & James West)
AECC	15/10/08	Tickets for James Blunt performance at the AECC	Accepted (passed on to Dawn Law)
AECC	15/10/08	Tickets for Katie Melua performance at the AECC	Accepted (Tickets passed on)
AECC	15/10/08	Tickets for One Night with Elvis performance at the AECC	Accepted (Tickets passed on)
AECC	15/10/08	Tickets for Oasis performance at the AECC	Accepted (value unknown)
AECC	15/10/08	Tickets for Lee Evans performance at the AECC	Accepted (value unknown)

AECC	16/01/09	Tickets for Mighty Boosh	Accepted (value unknown)
AECC	18/01/09	Tickets for Pussycat Dolls	Accepted (passed on to Dawn Law)
AECC	24/02/09	Tickets for X Factor	Accepted (passed on to Dawn Law)
AECC	27/02/09	Tickets for Kaiser Chiefs	Accepted (value unknown)
AECC	5/03/09	Tickets for Killers	Accepted (passed on to Luke Blackman)
AECC	10/04/09	Tickets for Dance Nation	Accepted (passed on to Luke Blackman)
AECC	13/04/09	Tickets for Pink	Accepted (value unknown)
AECC	18/04/09	Tickets for WWE	Accepted (passed on to Graeme Wright)
AECC	23/04/09	Tickets for Darts	Invitation accepted/cost unknown
AECC	02/05/09	Two tickets for Aussie Pink Floyd concert on 2/5/09	Accepted (passed on to Graeme Wright)
AECC	05/06/09	Two tickets for Britain's Got Talent on 23/06/09	Tickets passed on to friends
AECC	05/06/09	Two tickets for Neil Young on 24/06/09	Tickets passed to SHMU
AECC	09/06/09	Tickets for War of the World on 10/06/09	Tickets accepted / cost unknown
AECC	23/09/09	Two tickets to Paul Potts in concert on 12/10/09	Declined
AECC	23/09/09	Two tickets to 2009 partycasino.com Premier	Accepted (estimated value

		League Snooker on 15/10/09	£30)
AECC	23/09/09	Two tickets to Gladys Knight in concert with support from Tito Jackson on 20/10/09	Accepted (estimated value £100) (passed to Councillor Cormie)
AECC	23/09/09	Two tickets to Michael McIntyre Autumn Arena Tour on 26/10/09	Accepted (estimated value £60) (passed to Jennifer Foxen)
AECC	23/09/09	Two tickets to Eddie Izzard – Stripped Tour on 04/11/09	Accepted (estimated value £60)
AECC	23/09/09	Two tickets to The Proclaimers concert on 07/11/09	Accepted
AECC	23/09/09	Two tickets to the Kasabian concert on 11/11/09	Accepted (estimated value £50) (passed on to (TBC))
AECC	23/09/09	Two tickets to Clubland Live 3 – The Biggest Night of the Year on 27/11/09	Accepted (estimated value £53) (passed on to (TBC))
AECC	23/09/09	Two tickets to the James Morrison concert on 04/12/09	Accepted (estimated value £55) (passed on to (TBC))
AECC	23/09/09	Two tickets to Thriller – Live on 06/12/09	Accepted (estimated value £70) (passed on to (TBC))
AECC	23/09/09	Two tickets to Simple Minds in concert on 12/12/09	Accepted (estimated value £72) (passed on to Heather Duncan)
AECC	23/09/09	Two tickets to Status Quo in concert on 15/12/09	Accepted (estimated value £63) (passed on

			to James West)
AECC	23/09/09	Two tickets to Russell Howard show 18/12/09	Accepted (estimated value £40) (passed on to (TBC))
Robert Gordon's College	23/09/09	Drinks and meal at Founder's Day on 24/09/09	Invitation accepted (estimated value unknown)
Aberdeen Endowments Trust	14/06/10	Bottle of Highland Malt whisky in December 2009	Accepted / estimated value £25
AECC	14/06/10	2 tickets to Blink 182 concert on 16/08/10	Accepted (estimated value £70) (passed onto constituent)
AECC	14/06/10	2 tickets to Britain's Got Talent on 01/07/10	Accepted (estimated value £70) (passed onto constituent)
AECC	14/06/10	6 tickets to the X-Factor concert on 07/03/10	Accepted (estimated value £180) (2 tickets passed on to Granite City Wanderers Hockey Club, 2 to Cllr Kevin Stewart, 2 to Cllr Bill Cormie
AECC	14/06/10	2 tickets to Whyte & Mackay Premier League Darts on 29/04/10	Accepted (estimated value £40) (passed to Cllr McDonald
AECC	14/06/10	2 tickets to Stereophonics on 30/05/10	Accepted (estimated value £50) (passed to constituent)
AECC	14/06/10	2 tickets to Australian Pink Floyd show on 01/05/10	Accepted (estimated value £40) (passed to

			constituent
AECC	09/09/10	2 tickets to World Wrestling Entertainment – WWE show at AECC on 09/09/10	Accepted (value £100) (passed on)
AECC	09/09/10	AECC's 25 th Birthday Celebration on 25/09/10 – dinner and entertainment for 2	Accepted (value £110)
AECC	03/11/10	2 tickets to Motorhead concert on 08/11/10	Accepted – passed to SHMU (value £52)
AECC	03/11/10	2 tickets to Jools Holland Autumn Tour on 18/11/10	Accepted – passed to Printfield Project (value £45)
AECC	03/11/10	2 tickets to Paramore concert on 20/11/10	Accepted – passed to SHMU (value £45)
AECC	03/11/10	2 tickets to Biffy Clyro concert at AECC on 25/11/10	Accepted – passed to Councillor John West (value £40)
AECC	03/11/10	2 tickets to JLS concert at AECC on 29/11/10	Accepted – passed to Fersands and Fountain Community Project (value £63.40)
AECC	10/12/10	2 tickets to 30 Seconds to Mars concert on 03/12/10	Accepted – passed to Councillor Wendy Stuart (value £44)
AECC	10/12/10	2 tickets to Paul Weller concert on 05/12/10	Accepted – postponed (value £70)
AECC	10/12/10	2 tickets to Bootleg Beatles concert on 11/12/10	Accepted – passed to Graeme Bennett (value £47)

AECC	10/12/10	2 tickets to Status Quo concert on 17/12/10	Accepted – passed to James West (value £69)
Aberdeen Endowments Trust	03/02/11	Bottle of Glen Livet Single Malt Whisky on 16/12/10	Accepted (Estimated value £25)
AECC	03/02/11	2 tickets to the John Bishop:Live show on 04/02/11	Accepted – passed to Graham Dickson (value £50)
AECC	03/02/11	2 tickets to the Russell Howard – Right here, Right Now show on 04/03/11	Accepted – passed to Graham Dickson (value £50)
AECC	03/02/11	2 tickets to the Boyzone concert on 10/03/11	Accepted – passed to the Station House Media Unit (value £71)
AECC	03/02/11	2 tickets to the X-Factor concert on 27/03/11	Accepted – passed to Councillor Jackie Dunbar (value £65)
Aberdeen Endowments Trust	25/01/12	Gift of a bottle of whisky from the Aberdeen Endowments Trust on 19/12/11.	Gift declined (value £30)

I understand that it could be construed as a breach of the Councillors' Code of Conduct in terms of Part 2 of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000, if I

omit information which ought to be given in this Register; or

provide information which is materially false or misleading; or

fail to give further notice in order to update the information given by me in this declaration; or

declare an interest which I acquire after the date of this declaration but which I must declare under the under the Ethical

Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000 (Register of Interests) Regulations 2003.

Signed: Kirsty West

Date: May 2007

Received by

Signed: Jane MacEachran, City Solicitor

Date: May 2007

DEFINITIONS (extracted from the Code of Conduct)

Remuneration

includes any salary, wage, share of profits, fee, expenses, other monetary benefit or benefit in kind. This would include, for example, the provision of a company car or travelling expenses by an employer.

Undertaking

means: (a) a body corporate or partnership; or (b) an unincorporated association carrying on a trade or business, with or without a view to a profit.

Related Undertaking

is a parent or subsidiary company of a principal undertaking of which you are also a director. You will receive remuneration for the principal undertaking though you will not receive remuneration as director of the related undertaking.

Parent Undertaking

is an undertaking in relation to another undertaking, a subsidiary undertaking, if (a) it holds a majority of the voting rights in the undertaking; or (b) it is a member of the undertaking and has the right to appoint or remove a majority of its board of directors; or (c) it has the right to exercise a dominant influence over the undertaking (i) by virtue of provisions contained in the undertaking's memorandum or articles or (ii) by virtue of a control contract; or (d) it is a councillor of the undertaking and controls alone, pursuant to an agreement with other shareholders or councillors, a majority of the voting rights in the undertaking.

Election Expenses

means expenses incurred, whether before, during or after the election, on account of, or in respect of, the conduct or management of the election.

A Person

means a single individual or legal person and includes a group of companies.

Group of companies

has the same meaning as "group" in section 262(1) of the Companies Act 1985. A "group", within s262(1) of the Companies Act 1985, means a parent undertaking and its subsidiary undertakings.

Any person

includes individuals, incorporated and unincorporated bodies, trade unions, charities and voluntary organisations.

Spouse

does not include a former spouse or a spouse who is living separately and apart from you.

Cohabitee

includes a person, whether of the opposite sex or not, who is living with you in a relationship similar to that of husband and wife.

Chair

includes Committee Convener or any person discharging similar functions under alternative decision making structures.