

REGISTER OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS

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

Last updated September 2017

I, **JENNIFER LAING**, 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 Head of Legal and Democratic Services, 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.

The register should cover the period commencing from 12 months prior to and including your current term of office.

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 or a member of a joint board, a joint committee or COSLA.

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.

None

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

N/a

- (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 8).

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.

None

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 where the value of any single donation exceeds £50.

Give details of any assistance received as specified above.

Election expenses for Local Government Election 2017 paid for by the Labour Party

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.

8 Barra Walk, Aberdeen – Joint Owner

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 GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY

3.7 You must not accept any offer by way of gift or hospitality which could give rise to real or substantive personal gain or 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.

3.8 You must never ask for gifts or hospitality.

3.9 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:

- (i) isolated gifts of a trivial character, the value of which does not exceed £50;
- (ii) normal hospitality associated with your duties and which would reasonably be regarded as appropriate; or
- (iii) civic gifts received on behalf of the Council.

- 3.10 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.
- 3.11 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.
- 3.12 You must not accept repeated hospitality or repeated gifts from the same source.
- 3.13 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.

Within the Code, guidance on gifts and hospitality is continued at paragraph 4.21:-

- 4.21 You must register the details of any gifts or hospitality received, however it is not necessary to record any gifts or hospitality as described in paragraph 3.9 (i) to (iii) of this Code. This record will be available for public inspection.

Give details of any gifts or hospitality received by you as specified above.

GIFTS/HOSPITALITY RECEIVED

Received From	Date	Short Description of gift/hospitality	Approximate Value
Burness Paull	10/05/17	Invitation to an All Energy Drinks Reception at the SEC, Glasgow on 10/05/17	Declined / cost unknown
Reverend Joan Lyon, St Ninian's Scottish Episcopal Church	10/05/17	Invitation to an Aberdeen as City of Sanctuary meeting and lunch at the John Skinner Centre, Aberdeen on 11/05/17	Declined / cost unknown
Grampian Youth	10/05/17	Two tickets to GYO's Summer concert at St	Initially accepted then declined on

Orchestra		Andrew's Cathedral, Aberdeen on 18/06/17	23/05/17 / cost unknown
Greyhope Bay	11/05/17	Invitation for the Council Leader to take up a table of 10 at the Greyhope Bay Gala Dinner on 12/05/17	Declined / cost £1300 for a table of 10
Trevor Garlick OBE, Sue Ryder,	11/05/17	Invitation to the launch of the Capital Appeal for Sue Ryder Dee View Court Neurological Care Centre and private view of the "Don't Write Me Off" photography exhibition on 14/06/17	Declined / cost unknown
GHAT	15/05/17	Invitation with guest to the Opening of <i>Coastline</i> by Catherine King at HMT on 15/05/17	Declined / cost unknown
Trevor Garlick OBE, Sue Ryder	23/05/17	Second invitation to the launch of the Capital Appeal for Sue Ryder Dee View Court Neurological Care Centre and private view of the "Don't Write Me Off" photography exhibition on 14/06/17	Declined / cost unknown – Cllr Lumsden to attend on behalf of Council Leader
BP and RGU	23/05/17	Invitation with guest to the Gray's School of Art Degree Show 2017 Business Reception, buffet and Private Viewing at Gray's School of Art on 16/06/16	Declined / cost unknown
RSPB Scotland	23/05/17	Invitation to a Parliamentary Reception on 'Food and the Environment: How what we eat impacts the planet' at Scottish Parliament on 30/05/16	Declined / cost unknown
RSPB Scotland	23/05/17	Invitation to a Dinner and drinks reception in Edinburgh on 24/05/17	Declined / cost unknown

Federation of Small Businesses	31/05/17	Invitation to attend the South Aberdeenshire Branch Meeting and supper at the Hilton Aberdeen Treetops Hotel on 30/05/17	Accepted / cost unknown
University of Aberdeen	31/05/17	Invitation to the Aberdeen May Festival Launch Event and Reception at University of Aberdeen on 26/05/17	Declined / cost unknown
Upcoming Events	31/05/17	Invitation to the Maintenance and OEX Forum for Oil&Gas and Energy on 26&27/10/17 in Amsterdam	Declined / prices start from €3,999
Inchgarth Community Centre Chairman, Paul O'Connor MBE	31/05/17	Invitation to the Margaret E Morrison Garthdee Community Awards at Inchgarth Community Centre on 30/06/17	Declined / cost unknown
Elevator UK	31/05/17	Invitation to the Elevator Awards Dinner 2017 at Mercure Ardoe House Hotel on 29/06/17	Accepted / cost unknown
SCDI	31/05/17	Invitation to the SCDI Influencers' Dinner <i>Oil & Gas Industry Leader Series'</i> at Village Hotel Aberdeen on 20/06/17	Declined / cost unknown – Cllr Lumsden attending on behalf of Cllr Laing
Sistema Scotland	07/06/17	Invitation to the Big Noise Torry Evaluation Launch, photocall and light lunch on 19/06/17 and Big Noise Torry 2 nd Birthday Concert and refreshments on 20/06/17	Initially Declined then Accepted / cost unknown
Future Cities Catapult	07/06/17	Invitation to PlanTech Exhibition Launch and drinks in London on 15/06/17	Declined / cost unknown

RGU	07/06/17	Invitation to the Gray's School of Art Degree Show 2017 at RGU on 16/06/17	Declined / cost unknown
GHAT	07/06/17	Invitation to the viewing of ' <i>Incidental Interiors</i> ' at ARI between 10/06/17 and 06/08/17	Declined / cost unknown
Scottish Food Coalition, Edinburgh	07/06/17	Invitation to ' <i>Food: A Solution to a Health Crisis</i> ' and refreshments at the Scottish Parliament on 14/06/17	Declined / free event
Prof Sir Ian Diamond, Aberdeen University	07/06/17	Invitation to the University of Aberdeen Summer Graduation Dinner at Elphinstone Hall on 21/06/17	Declined / cost unknown
SPE Offshore Europe Partnership	07/06/17	Invitation to the VIP Gala dinner at SPE Offshore Europe 2017 on 04/09/17	Accepted / cost unknown
Balmoral Group / Friends of Anchor	19/06/17	Invitation to the Exclusive Anchor Preview Evening, drinks and buffet at Balmoral Group on 22/06/17	Accepted / cost unknown
Prospect Services	19/06/17	Invitation to the Industrial Strategy & Skills event, lunch and refreshments at the LGA Annual Conference 2017, Birmingham on 05/07/17	Declined / cost unknown
BP	19/06/17	Invitation to the celebration event of the first oil from the Quad 204 Project, drinks and canapes on 05/07/17	Accepted / cost unknown
Jesus House Torry	20/06/17	Invitation to the Torry Community Fun Day at Abbey Place, Park on 25/06/17	Declined / cost unknown

Aberdeen Sports Village	20/06/17	Invitation to the Launch of University of Aberdeen Performance Swimming at the Aberdeen Sports Village on 27/06/17	Declined / cost unknown
Scotland in Union	26/06/17	Invitation to the Scotland in Union Business Breakfast at the Gordon Highlanders Museum on 15/06/17	Declined / cost unknown
Oxygen Finance Ltd	26/06/17	Invitation to the LGA Conference Networking Event and drinks on 04/07/16 and the Launch Breakfast on 05/07/17 in Birmingham	Declined / cost unknown
Aberdeen Performing Arts	26/06/17	Invitation to the APA Silver City Stories Performances at various venues on 30/06/17 and 01/07/17	Declined / cost unknown
GREC via the Syrian New Scots Partnership Group	26/06/17	Invitation to the Refugee Festival Week Scotland 2017 coffee and cake at Elphinstone Hall on 01/07/16	Declined / cost unknown
Council Leader of Waltham Forest Council in partnership with Legal & General	26/06/17	Invitation to the LGA Annual Conference and breakfast and refreshments in Birmingham on 05/07/17	Declined / cost unknown
Scottish Fire & Rescue Service	29/06/17	Invitation to an Awards Ceremony held in the Town House on 15/08/17. Refreshments and finger buffet included.	Declined / cost unknown
SCDI	07/06/17	Invitation to an SCDI Influencer's Dinner at The Aberdeen Altens Hotel on 17/08/17	Accepted / cost unknown
James Hutton Institute and	07/07/17	Invitation to the 40 th TB Macaulay Lecture 2017 in	Declined / cost unknown

Trustees of the Macaulay Institute		Edinburgh on 04/10/17	
Aberdeen Performing Arts	07/07/17	Invitation to the Preview Performance of <i>Velvet Evening Séance</i> and the Launch of Freshly Squeezed Productions, Reception and after show Drinks at the Lemon Tree on 14/07/17	Declined / cost unknown
Aberdeen University	07/07/17	Invitation to the Launch of Aberdeen International Youth Festival 2017 at King's College on 28/07/17 and also to Inchgarth Community Centre International Concert	Declined / cost unknown for AIYF Launch / tickets for Intl Concert £6.60
Aberdeen Grampian Chamber of Commerce	07/07/17	Complimentary invitation to an Evening with Sir Howard Bernstein, drinks and canapés at the International School, Pitfodels House on 31/08/17	Accepted / cost £50 - £75 – Cllr Laing's invitation is complimentary and no cost
Stewart Milne Homes	02/08/17	Invitation to the opening of Cults Burn Park, Counteswells on 10/08/17	Declined / cost unknown
SCDI	02/08/17	Invitation to SCDI Business Seminar " <i>The Aberdeen City Region Investment Pitch</i> " at the Town House on 24/08/17	Accepted / cost unknown
University of Aberdeen	03/08/17	Invitation to the Ladies Lunch 2017 at Marcliffe Hotel & Spa on 21/09/17	Declined / cost unknown
The Directors of Titan Investments	17/08/17	Invitation to Celebrate the Launch of The Silver Fin Building, Union Street on 21/09/17	Declined / cost unknown
Aberdeen Arts	17/08/17	Invitation to a VIP Preview Evening at the Beach	Declined / cost

Fair		Ballroom on 01/09/17	unknown
Aberdeen Sports Village	18/08/17	Invitation to the Queen's Baton Relay VIP Reception at Aberdeen Sports Village on 24/08/17	Declined / cost unknown
The SPE Offshore Europe Partnership	08/09/17	Invitation to the SPE Offshore Europe VIP Gala Dinner, Town & County Hall, Town House on 04/09/17	Accepted / cost unknown
Greater Stavanger, ONS and NBCC	08/09/17	Invitation to an Offshore Europe 2017 Seminar and Reception at the Douglas Hotel on 06/09/17	Declined / cost unknown
SCDI	08/09/17	Invitation to SCDI Influencers' Dinner at the Chester Hotel on 18/09/17	Declined / cost unknown
Skills Development Scotland	08/09/17	Invitation to the Scottish Apprenticeship Awards 2017 Ceremony and Dinner at Kelvingrove Museum and Art Gallery, Glasgow on 16/11/17	Declined / cost unknown
Hywind Scotland / Statoil and Masdar	08/09/17	Invitation to the Hywind Scotland Official Opening and Lunch at Ardoe House Hotel on 18/10/17	Accepted / cost unknown
Aberdeen Mosque and Islamic Centre	08/09/17	Invitation to attend with family the Eid al-Adha celebration, food and soft drinks at Airyhall School on 09/09/17	Declined / cost unknown
Aberdeen Performing Arts	08/09/17	Invitation to the True North Opening Concert and Reception at His Majesty's Theatre on 07/09/17	Declined / cost unknown
Scotland in Union	08/09/17	Invitation to the Aberdeen Business Lunch at Skene House on 03/11/17	Initially Accepted then declined on 14/09/17/ cost unknown

Elevator UK	08/09/17	Invitation to Elevator's Accelerator Founder Showcase at The Hub, Exploration Drive on 11/11/17	Declined / cost unknown
SCDI	14/09/17	Invitation to attend the SCDI Business Summit in Glasgow on 21/09/17	Declined / cost unknown
SCDI	14/09/17	Invitation to SCDI Influencers' Dinner at the Doubletree by Hilton on 28/09/17	Declined / cost unknown
Oil & Gas Technology Centre	14/09/17	Invitation to the Northern Star Business Awards at AECC on 05/10/17	Accepted / cost unknown
Aberdeen Inspired	14/09/17	Invitation to the Evening Express/Aberdeen Inspired Retail Awards 2017 at the Ardoe House Hotel on 02/11/17	Declined / cost unknown

8 NON FINANCIAL INTERESTS

4.22 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 which could include appointments to Committees or memberships of other organisations.

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

Director of Opportunity North East Limited – Commenced 14th January 2016
Union Membership – Unite

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: Jenny Laing

Date: 10/05/17

Received by

Signed: Steven Inglis

Date: 10 May 2017

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.