# **REGISTER OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS**

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

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I, Ian Yuill, 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

- 4.4 I will register any work for which I receive, or expect to receive, payment or reward. I have a registrable interest where I receive remuneration by virtue of being:
  - a) employed;
  - b) self-employed;
  - c) the holder of an office;

- d) a director of an undertaking;
- e) a partner in a firm;
- f) appointed or nominated by my council to another body; or
- g) engaged in a trade, profession or vocation, or any other work.
- 4.5 I do not have to register any sums I receive in expenses, allowances or remuneration from my council for work I undertake in my capacity as a councillor.
- 4.6 I understand that 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 Two "Other Roles".
- 4.7 I must register any allowances I receive in relation to membership of any organisation under Category One.
- 4.8 When registering employment as an employee, I must give the full name of my employer, the nature of its business and the nature of the post I hold in the organisation.
- 4.9 When registering remuneration from the categories listed in paragraph 4.4 (b) to (g) above, I must provide the full name and give details of the nature of the business, organisation, undertaking, partnership or other body, as appropriate.
- 4.10 Where I otherwise undertake a trade, profession or vocation, or any other work, I must include information about the nature of the work and how often it is undertaken.
- 4.11 When registering a directorship, I must provide the registered name and registered number of the undertaking in which the directorship is held and provide information about the nature of its business.
- 4.12 I understand that 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.

**Board Member, NHS Grampian (appointed by Scottish Government)** 

(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 8).

#### **None**

(d) Give details of any directorship(s) held by you (as specified at 4.11 above).

#### None

(e) Give details of other paid work (as specified at 4.10 above).

#### None

### 2 OTHER ROLES

- 4.13 I will register any unremunerated directorships where the body in question is a subsidiary or parent company of an undertaking in which I hold a remunerated directorship.
- 4.14 I will register the registered name and registered number 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 I am a director and for which I receive remuneration.

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

#### None

#### 3 CONTRACTS

4.15 I have a registrable interest where I (or a firm in which I am a partner, or an undertaking in which I am a director or in which I have shares of a value as described in paragraph 4.20 below) have made a contract with my 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.
- 4.16 I will register a description of the contract, including its duration, but excluding the value.

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 I will register any single donation of more than £50, or any donations from the same source that together amount to more than £50, towards election expenses received by me, or on my behalf within the period commencing from 12 months prior to, and including, my current term of office.

Give details of any assistance received as specified above.

£275.85 towards May 2022 Council election expenses from Aberdeen Central, South and North Kincardine Liberal Democrats, 22 Seafield Court, Aberdeen, AB15 7YW

# 5 HOUSES, LAND AND BUILDINGS

- 4.18 I have a registrable interest where I own or have any other right or interest in houses, land and buildings in Scotland, such as being an owner or a tenant, including a council tenant.
- 4.19 I understand I am only required to provide details of the council ward in which the property is located for the publicly available Register of Interests. I will, however, provide the full address of the property to my council's Monitoring Officer (or their nominee), but understand this will be kept confidential.

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

Owner, 22 Seafield Court, Aberdeen, AB15 7YW

# 6 INTEREST IN SHARES AND SECURITIES

- 4.20 I have a registrable interest where:
  - a) I own or have an interest in more than 1% of the issued share capital of the company or body; or
  - b) Where, at the relevant date, the market value of any shares and securities (in any one specific company or body) that I own or have an interest in is greater than £25,000.

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

#### None

# 7 GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY

4.21 I understand the requirements of paragraphs 3.13 to 3.20 regarding gifts and hospitality. As I will not accept any gifts or hospitality, other than under the limited circumstances allowed, I understand there is no longer the need to register any.

Existing registered gifts and hospitality will remain on the Register, but there is no need to register any further.

Received From	Date Registered	Short Description of gift/hospitality	Approximate Value
National Sub Sea Centre	21/12/22	Invitation to attend the official opening of the new Sub Sea Centre with refreshments at Dyce, Aberdeen on 11/01/23	Accepted / cost unknown
SCDI	21/12/22	Invitation to attend SCDI Annual Lecture and Dinner at P&J Live on 09/02/23	Accepted / cost unknown
ACC via The Corner Shop	02/02/23	Invitation to an exclusive preview of Spectra, Scotland's Festival of Light and refreshments at Aberdeen Art Gallery on 08/02/23	Accepted / cost unknown
Shelter Scotland	14/02/23	Invitation to the opening of Shelter's Aberdeen City Office with refreshments on 03/03/23	Accepted / cost unknown
Yonder Consulting on behalf of BT	14/02/23	Invitation to participate in a telephone interview as part of a project Yonder Consulting are working on for BT Group with Yonder Consulting donating a payment of £75 to a charity of Cllr Yuill's choice.	Accepted / £75 payment to CFINE
OEUK	20/04/23	Invitation to attend as OEUK's guest an OEUK Aberdeen Breakfast Briefing at P&J Live on 02/05/23	Accepted / cost unknown
The University of Aberdeen and NESCAN	20/04/23	Invitation to attend a 'North East Communities for a Just Transition' event at the University of Aberdeen on 31/05/23	Accepted / cost unknown
Robert Gordon's College	04/05/23	Invitation to RGC Dinner and Drinks Reception at Trinity Hall on 05/05/23	Accepted / cost unknown
The University of Aberdeen and NESCAN Hub	04/05/23	Invitation to a North East Communities for a Just Transition event with lunch and refreshments at King's College Conference Centre on 31/05/23	Accepted / cost unknown
Remembering Srebrenica (Scotland)	04/05/23	Invitation to attend a White Armband Day 2023 event with light refreshments at Trinity Hall on 31/05/23	Accepted / cost unknown

Aberdeen Grampian Chamber of Commerce via Invest Aberdeen	04/05/23	Invitation to attend AGCC Investment Tracker 2023 – Invest Aberdeen Introduction Event and refreshments at the James Hutton Institute on 25/05/23	Accepted / cost unknown
University of Aberdeen	29/05/23	Invitation to a University of Aberdeen's Founders' Day, sandwich lunch, networking sessions and drinks reception at Elphinstone Hall on 25/05/23	Accepted / only attended two sessions and Drinks Reception, Research Showcase / cost unknown
Robert Gordon University	29/05/23	Invitation to RGU's Annual Stakeholder Meeting 2023 and light refreshments at RGU on 15/06/23	Accepted / cost unknown
SCDI	29/05/23	Invitation to an Influencer's Dinner with Benj Sykes, Ørsted at the Douglas Hotel on 22/06/23	Declined 12/06/23 (initially accepted) / cost unknown
OEUK	31/05/23	Invitation to attend as a guest of OEUK the OEUK Breakfast Briefing - Wind: Powering the UK offshore future at P&J Live on 27/06/23	Accepted / cost unknown
Friends Grampian Hospital Arts Trust	01/06/23	Invitation to attend the exclusive preview of Postcards from Home – "Seasons" art exhibition and sale, drinks and nibbles at the Sutton Centre, Foresterhill Road on 15/06/23	Accepted / cost unknown
Chair of Tall Ships Aberdeen 2025 Organising Committee, ACC; Chief Executive, Port of Aberdeen; Chief Executive, Aberdeen Inspired	14/07/23	Invitation to step aboard the Tall Ship, Statsraad Lehmkuhl, hospitality and refreshments at Victoria Dock, Port of Aberdeen on 22/07/23	Accepted / cost unknown
SCDI	14/07/23	Invitation to the SCDI Meet the Politician Dinner with Andrew Bowie MP at Norwood Hall Hotel on 24/08/23	Accepted / cost unknown

Yonder Consulting	31/07/23	Invitation to participate in a telephone interview as part of a project for BT Group with a payment of £75 to a charity of the councillor's choice	Accepted / £75 payment to be made to CFINE
Public Health Scotland Ltd	11/08/23	Invitation to attend an informal Dinner at the Sandman Hotel on 15/08/23	Accepted / cost unknown
OEUK	11/08/23	Invitation to attend as a guest of OEUK the OEUK Breakfast Briefing – Launch of their annual Economic Report at P&J Live on 06/09/23	Accepted / cost unknown
SPE – Offshore Europe Partnership	21/09/23	Invitation to the SPE Offshore Europe 2023 Welcome Reception at the Aberdeen Art Gallery on 04/09/23	Accepted / cost unknown
OEUK	21/09/23	Invitation to the OEUK Offshore Europe Lunch Event at P&J Live on 05/09/23	Accepted / cost unknown
SDI	21/09/23	Invitation to SDI's Offshore Europe Networking Reception at P&J Live on 05/09/23	Accepted / cost unknown
ETZ Ltd	21/09/23	Invitation to the Energy Transition Zone Campus Cocktail Offshore Europe Drinks Reception at P&J Live on 06/09/23	Accepted / cost unknown
SCDI	21/09/23	Invitation to the SCDI Influencer's Dinner with AI Tucker, Shell at the Maryculter House Hotel on 06/09/23	Accepted / cost unknown
Stork / AGCC	21/09/23	Invitation to the Investing in Our Future – AGCC and Stork joint event at event at Resident X on 07/09/23	Accepted / cost unknown
VisitAberdeenshire and Port of Aberdeen	21/09/23	Invitation to the Aberdeenshire Volunteer Recognition Evening at the Bistro on 05/10/23	Accepted / cost unknown

SHMU	21/09/23	Invitation to the Screening and Discussion for Challenge Poverty Week with refreshments in Aberdeen on 06/10/23	Accepted / cost unknown
Consulate General of Ireland in Edin burgh	03/11/23	Invitation to a Reception at The Aberdeen Art Gallery on 17/10/23	Accepted / cost unknown
SCDI	03/11/23	Invitation to attend an SCDI Influencer's Dinner at the Sandman Hotel on 26/10/23	Accepted / cost unknown
Aberdeen FC Community Trust	03/11/23	Invitation to attend the launch of the Aberdeen FC Community Trust 2022-2023 Impact Report at Pittodrie Stadium on 07/11/23	Accepted / cost unknown
The Vegan Society	03/11/23	Invitation to a Parliamentary Launch of Vegan Society's Catering for Everyone Report and the offer to cover travel costs to attend in London on 08/11/23	Declined / cost unknown
NHS Grampian	03/11/23	Invitation to attend the North East Population Health Alliance event at Haddo House on 09/11/23	Accepted / cost unknown
Aberdeen Arts Centre	16/11/23	Invitation to book 6 tickets for the Aberdeen Arts Centre pre- view performance of Rapunzel and welcome reception at Aberdeen Arts Centre on 01/12/23	Declined / free tickets
CFINE on behalf of Fairer Aberdeen Fund Partners	12/01/24	Invitation to the Fairer Fund Showcase Event, light lunch and refreshments at the Town House on 02/02/24	Declined / cost unknown
OEUK	26/01/24	Invitation to attend as a guest of OEUK the annual OEUK HSE Conference 2024 with refreshments at P&J Live, Aberdeen on 08/02/24	Declined / cost unknown

ORE Catapult	26/01/24	Invitation to the VIP Official Opening of FLOWIC, Aberdeen on 18/03/24	Initially Accepted then Declined 18/03/24 / cost unknown
Community Land Scotland	07/02/24	Invitation to a Community Ownership Electric Roadshow in Aberdeen on 29/02/24	Accepted / cost unknown
Aberdeen Performing Arts	07/02/24	Invitation to Granite Noir 2024 for refreshments followed by Hidden Darkness at the Music Hall on 23/02/24	Declined / cost unknown
Yonder Consulting	29/02/24	Invitation to a BT-Key Stakeholder Interview via Teams on 20/02/24 with a £75 donation to a charity of choice for participating	Accepted / £75 to be donated to CFine
Councillor Nurul Hoque Ali	29/02/24	Invitation to attend a council Ramadhan Iftar at the Town House on 15/03/24	Accepted / cost unknown
Aberdeen Performing Arts	29/02/24	Invitation to join APA at Granite Noir 2024, refreshments and the Hidden Darkness event at the Music Hall on 23/02/24	Declined / cost unknown
OEUK	08/03/24	Invitation to attend as a guest of OEUK, the OEUK Business Outlook 2024 Breakfast at P&J Live on 26/03/24	Accepted / cost unknown
BP	28/03/24	Invitation to attend the Prosper Young Engineers and Science Club drop-in event at BP offices on 02/05/24	Accepted / cost unknown
Chief Executive, Greyhope Bay	18/04/24	Invitation to the unveiling and celebration of Greyhope Bay's design proposal for the expansion of the Greyhope Bay Centre with wine and nibbles at the Torry Battery on 11/04/24	Accepted / cost unknown

Cove Rangers Community Foundation	18/04/24	Invitation to attend the Launch of Cove Rangers Community Foundation with refreshments and light buffet at the Balmoral Stadium, Aberdeen on 24/04/24	Accepted / cost unknown
NESS Energy	18/04/24	Invitation to the Opening of the NESS Energy Facility with refreshments on 24/04/24	Accepted / cost unknown
Sistema Scotland	18/04/24	Invitation to join Big Noise Torry for a lunchbreak concert and reception at the Cowdray Hall, Aberdeen Art Gallery on 02/05/24	Declined / free concert / cost of reception unknown
Denis Law Legacy Trust	18/04/24	Invitation to the Grand Opening of the Cruyff Court Willie Miller with refreshments on 13/05/24	Accepted / cost unknown
Music Service	18/04/24	Invitation to attend The Aberdeen Big Sing 2024 and light lunch reception at the Duthie Park on 22/05/24	Declined / cost unknown
PA Advocacy	29/04/24	Invitation to participate in a telephone interview as part of PA Advocacy's Annual Local Government Leadership Survey	Accepted / PA Advocacy to donate £75 to CFine – Cllr Yuill's charity of choice for participating in the interview
Councillor Nurul Ali / Beyond Sebrenica	01/05/24	Invitation to the White Armband Day Aberdeen 2024, snacks and drinks in the Town & County Hall on 31/05/24	Accepted / no cost as event is free
University of Aberdeen	31/05/24	Invitation to attend a hybrid University of Aberdeen Annual Stakeholder Meeting event with refreshments at Kings College Conference Centre or online on 18/06/24	Accepted / no cost – attending online

Makmono	10/06/24	Invitation to attend Makmono's Our Union Street Architectural Exhibition Launch at Trinity Centre on 14/06/24	Accepted / cost unknown
Holyrood Events	10/06/24	Invitation to attend the Holyrood 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception at the Fruitmarket Gallery, Edinburgh on 19/06/24	Declined / cost unknown
The Belmont Cinema	10/06/24	Invitation to attend The Belmont Cinema Fundraising Launch at the Douglas Hotel on 15/06/24	Accepted / cost unknown
The Lidl Property Team	29/07/24	Invitation to attend, and to receive a gift of two bottles of award winning wine and a £25 Lidl shopping voucher for attending, the Lidl Property Event and networking lunch in Edinburgh on 27/06/24	Declined / cost unknown
National Youth Orchestra Scotland (NYOS)	29/07/24	Invitation to attend the NYOS drinks reception and concert in Edinburgh on 12/07/24	Declined / cost unknown
Opportunity North East (ONE)	29/07/24	Invitation to attend ONE's Annual Event and refreshments at the ONE BioHub, Aberdeen on 26/08/24	Accepted / cost unknown
P&J Live	31/07/24	Invitation to attend the P&J Live 5 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations and reception at P&J Live on 13/08/24	Accepted / cost unknown
CFINE	02/08/24	Invitation to attend a Community Food Event – Lets Talk Community Food, lunch and refreshments at the Aberdeen Arts Centre on 28/08/24	Accepted / cost unknown
H.E. Ambassador Zheng Zeguang	05/08/24	Councillor Yuill gifted a tie from the Chinese Ambassador at a meeting in the Town House on 02/08/24	Accepted / cost unknown
CBRE	12/08/24	Invitation to attend an Aberdeen Real Estate & The Energy Transition event at the Ivy Lodge, Shiprow Village on 15/08/24	Accepted / cost unknown

Scottish	12/08/24	Top Table invitation to attend	Declined /
Renewables	12/00/24	The Scottish Green Energy	cost unknown
TOTIOWADIOS		Supply Chain Awards 2024	JOSE GITIKITOWIT
		and drinks reception at the	
		P&J Live on 22/08/24	
LGiU	12/08/24	Invitation to join the judging	Accepted /
LOIO	12/00/24	panel for the 2024 LGiU &	cost unknown
		CCLA Clir Awards and lunch	OOST GIIKIIOWII
		in Edinburgh on 14/10/24	
Centre for Turkey	12/08/24	Invitation to attend the 13 <sup>th</sup>	Declined /
Studies (CEFTUS)	12/00/24	Annual CEFTUS Gala Dinner	cost unknown
		and drinks reception at the	ooot anninown
		Park Plaza, Westminster Hotel	
		on 27/10/24	
Aberdeen	23/08/24	Invitation to <i>Humans 2.0</i> the	Declined /
Performing Arts	20,00,2	final event of the International	cost unknown
7 31131111119 7 1113		Season at His Majesty's	
		Theatre on 05/09/24	
BP	23/08/24	Invitation to celebrate BP's 60	Declined /
		years in the North Sea at BP	cost unknown
		Headquarters, Dyce on	
		16/09/24	
Sport Aberdeen	13/09/24	Invitation to attend Sport	Accepted /
		Aberdeen's 2023/2024 Annual	cost unknown
		Review and Look Ahead	
		event, lunch and hospitality at	
		Get Active @ Westburn on	
		04/10/24	
Nescan	03/10/24	Invitation to attend a	Declined /
		Community Evening Session	cost unknown
		in Aberdeen on 03/10/24	
ETZ Ltd and	03/10/24	Invitation to ETZ Ltd & Invest	Declined /
Invest Aberdeen		Aberdeen's Floating Offshore	cost unknown
		Wind Evening Reception at	<ul><li>– Cllr Greig</li></ul>
		Aberdeen Arts Centre on	attending on
		09/10/24	behalf of Cllr
			Yuill
Denis Law Legacy	03/10/24	Invitation to attend the Denis	Declined /
Trust		Law Legacy Trust Annual	cost unknown
		Fundraising Dinner at The	
		Marcliffe Hotel on 22/11/24	
The Seven	03/10/24	Invitation to attend the 437 <sup>th</sup>	Declined /
Incorporated		Anniversary Election Dinner at	cost unknown
Trades of		Trinity Hall, Aberdeen on	<ul><li>Depute</li></ul>
Aberdeen		24/11/24	Provost
			Steve
			Delaney
			attending on
			behalf of Cllr
			Yuill

The Consul	24/10/24	Invitation to attend a	Accepted /
General of Ireland		Reception at Aberdeen	cost unknown
		Science Museum on 24/10/24	

#### 8 NON FINANCIAL INTERESTS

4.22 I may also have other interests and I understand 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, I understand non-financial interests are those which members of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts might reasonably think could influence my actions, speeches, votes or decision-making in my council (this includes its Committees and memberships of other organisations to which I have been appointed or nominated by my council).

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

- Member, Scottish Liberal Democrats
- Convener, Aberdeen Central, South and North Kincardine Liberal Democrats
- Committee Member, Association of Scottish Liberal Democrat Councillors and Campaigners (ceased Vice Convener role and commenced as Committee Member from February 2024)
- Member, Management Committee, Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors
- Member, National Trust for Scotland
- Member, Historic Scotland
- Member, Friends of the Earth (Scotland)
- Member, Liberty (National Council for Civil Liberties)
- Member, Cycling UK
- Member, Campaign for Real Ale
- Member, Chartered Institute of Marketing
- Fellow, Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce (RSA)
- Member, Gordonian Association
- Member, Friends of The Gordon Highlanders Museum
- Member, Grampian Racial Equality Council (GREC)
- Member, Aberdeenshire Cricket Club
- Member, Visions Photography Club
- Member, Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Development Plan Authority (appointed by Aberdeen City Council)
- Member, NESTRANS (appointed by Aberdeen City Council)
- Member COSLA Convention (appointed by Aberdeen City Council)

- Member, NHS Grampian Board (appointed by Scottish Ministers)
- Member, Automobile Association (advocates on behalf of motorists)
- Volunteer, Our Union Street (commenced 07/06/23)
- Member, Woodlands Trust (ceased January 2024)
- Member, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (ceased January 2024)
- Board Member, Aberdeen City Heritage Trust (appointed by Aberdeen City Council 29/06/22) – (resigned 12/06/2023)
- Board Member, KIMO UK (appointed by Aberdeen City Council) (ceased March 2024 when Aberdeen City Council ceased membership of KIMO)
- Board Member, Aberdeen Renewable Energy Group (appointed by Aberdeen City Council 29/06/22) (resigned 15/04/24)

#### 9 CLOSE FAMILY MEMBERS

4.23 I will register the interests of any close family member who has transactions with my Council or is likely to have transactions or do business with it.

Give details of any close family member who has transactions with the Council or is likely to have transactions or do business with it

#### None

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:

Date: 22/09/22

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# Received by

Signed: Jenni Lawson, Legal Services Manager

Date: 22/09/22

# **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.

## **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.

# 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 a partner, civil partner or spouse.

# **Chair**

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