

REGISTER OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS

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

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I, **John Wheeler**, 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.**

Children’s Services Coordinator – Action for Children (ceased 18 August 2017)

- (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 4.10 above).

**Aberdeen Sport Village Limited – Benefit in Kind (subject to income tax)
- access to sports facilities with annual value of £414 commenced
18/06/18
WellPsych Limited – Director – Commenced February 2019**

- (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
Aberdeen City Conservative Association**

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.

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.

WellPsych Limited – 100%

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
Sistema Scotland	01/06/17	Invitation to attend Big Noise Torry 2 nd Birthday concert on 20 th June	Accepted / Cost Unknown
Aberdeen Sports Village	10/08/17	Invitation to attend VIP reception to celebrate the visit from the Queen's Baton as part of the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton Relay on	Declined / Cost Unknown

		24 th August. Refreshments included.	
Aberdeen Inspired	12/10/17	2 tickets to attend the closing night of the Aberdeen Comedy Festival on 15 th October 2017	Accepted /Cost Unknown
SHMU	18/10/17	Invitation to attend shmu press open day to promote the community magazines on 3 rd November 2017, refreshments included.	Declined / Cost unknown
NESCOL	25/10/17	Invitation to attend Stakeholders on lunch 3 rd November 2017.	Accepted / Cost unknown
GREC	30/10/17	Invitation to attend GREC open day on 22 nd November 17, refreshments to be provided.	Accepted / Cost unknown
Stagecoach North East Scotland	30/10/17	Invitation to attend the Official Launch of £2.7 million new coaches for Service 10 (Aberdeen-Elgin-Inverness) on 10 th November 2017	Declined /Cost unknown
Edinburgh Film Festival	30/10/17	Invitation to attend a special screening of 'Edie' at the Belmont Filmhouse on 16 th November 2017, drinks reception included.	Declined / Cost unknown
Aberdeen Performing Arts	09/11/17	Invitation to attend the launch of 'Granite Noir 2018' and Poisoned Cocktail Party at 1906 Restaurant, His Majesty's Theatre on 26 th November 2017.	Accepted / Cost unknown
Sport Aberdeen	05/12/17	Invitation to 'Winter Adventures on Ice' , Sport Aberdeen's 2017 Christmas Show on	Declined / Cost unknown

		16/17 th December 2017. 4 complimentary tickets and refreshments included.	
Sistema Scotland	05/12/17	Invitation to attend Sistema Scotland and Big Noise Raploch, Stirling 10 th Birthday party on 31 st January 2018, refreshments included.	Accepted/ Cost unknown
St Margaret's School for Girls	07/12/17	Invitation to attend the Christmas Carol Service at Aberdeen Beach Ballroom on 21 st December, refreshments included.	Accepted / Cost unknown
Girl Guiding	01/03/18	Invitation to attend Girl Guiding Aberdeen Annual event at Pittodrie Stadium on 26 th March 2018	Accepted / Cost unknown
Scottish Government (Miles Briggs MSP - Shadow Health Secretary)	02/03/18	Invitation to attend a IJB meeting at the Scottish Parliament on 19 th March 2018 – refreshments included	Declined / Cost unknown
Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service	02/03/18	Invitation to attend Annual Donor Award Ceremony on 17 th April 2018 at the Beach Ballroom	Declined / Cost unknown
Jazz Scotland	02/03/18	Invitation to attend Aberdeen Jazz Festival on 8 th March 2018 at Carmelite Hotel. Drinks reception included.	Declined / Cost unknown
Rock Challenge	14/03/18	Invitation to attend 2018 Rock Challenge at Exhibition Centre on 23 rd /24 th March 2018	Declined / Cost unknown
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service	14/03/18	Invitation to attend a Transformation Presentation on 3 rd April 2018, refreshments included	Declined / Cost unknown

Countesswells / Stewart Milne	21/03/18	Invitation to attend a site visit for the new development at Countesswells on either 17 th or 26 th April or 9 th May 2018 – light lunch included	Declined / Cost unknown
Network Rail	22/03/18	Invitation to Network Rail drop in session at Dyce Community Centre 29 th March 2018	Declined/ Cost unknown
The Army Engagement Team	27/03/18	Invitation to attend a Reception and a Briefing by the Army Engagement Team at the Ardoe House Hotel & Spa on 18 th April 2018 – refreshments included	Accepted (did not attend) / Cost unknown
Church of Scotland (Presbytery of Aberdeen)	28/03/18	Invitation to attend a 'Meet the MPs' event on 28 th April 2018	Accepted / Cost unknown
James Hutton Institute	28/03/18	Invitation to attend the official launch of 'The Wild North East – Scotland's Natural Gem' by acclaimed wildlife photographer Pete Cairns on 13 th April 2018 Refreshments included	Declined / Cost unknown
UNICEF	03/04/18	Invitation to attend a reception celebrating the 4 th anniversary of UNICEF and Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games Partnership, sponsored by Ash Denham MSP.	Accepted / Cost unknown
Scotland Policy Conferences	03/04/18	Invitation to attend conference on protecting vulnerable children in Edinburgh on 19 th June 2018 – refreshments included	Declined / Cost unknown
Rock Challenge	11/04/18	Invitation to attend the 2018 Rock Challenge on 15 th June 2018	Declined / Cost unknown
Aberdeen Sports Village	12/04/18	Invitation to attend an evening with Zoey Clark &	Accepted / £12

		Eddie McKenna on 15 th May 2018. Councillor has been invited as a guest of Aberdeen Sport Village and has received a complimentary ticket.	
Teenage Cancer Trust	23/04/18	Invitation to attend to celebrate the arrival of their new Nursing and Support service at The Park Inn. Refreshments included	Accepted / Cost unknown
Visit Aberdeenshire	26/04/18	Invitation to attend Aberdeen Ambassador Network Awards 2018 on 25 th April at Maryculter House Hotel	Accepted (Represented The Lord Provost) / Cost unknown
Highland Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association	30/04/18	Invitation to attend NATO naval colleagues aboard HNLMS Mercuur when it visits the port of Aberdeen on 3 rd May 2018.	Accepted / Cost unknown
Grampian Youth Orchestra	30/04/18	Invitation to attend Grampian Youth Orchestra 2018 concert on 1 st July at Beach Ballroom	Accepted / Cost unknown
Sistema Scotland	16/05/18	Invitation to attend Big Noise at the Scottish Parliament on 23 rd May 2018. An Invitation from Richard Holloway, Founder and Chairman of Sistema Scotland. Wine and Canapes included	Accepted / Cost unknown
Sport Aberdeen	21/05/18	Invitation to attend the Aberdeen Youth Games Festival of Sport on 25 th May 2018	Declined / Cost unknown
SHMU	21/05/18	Invitation to attend Community Magazine open evening on 7 th June 2018. Light refreshments included	Declined / Cost unknown
CFINE	25/05/18	Invitation to attend CFINE's AGM on 1 st June 2018. Drinks and nibbles with a raffle included.	Declined / Cost unknown (£2 per raffle ticket)
Sistema Scotland	25/05/18	Invitation to attend Big Noise Torry's 3 rd Birthday	Declined / Cost unknown

		Concert on 5 th June 2018. Refreshments included.	
Masjid Alhikmah	30/05/18	Invitation to attend as an honoured guest at Iftar Dinner on 3 rd June 2018 at the Hilton Aberdeen Treetops Hotel	Declined / Cost unknown
Aberdeen Multicultural Centre	08/06/18	Invitation to attend Aberdeen Mela-One World Day on Sunday 29 th July.	Declined / Cost unknown
Aberdeen Performing Arts	08/06/18	Invitation to attend the 'Festival Launch of their first annual youth arts festival, Light the Blue' Drinks reception included	Declined / Cost unknown
Dollywood Foundation	20/06/18	Invitation to attend Dollywood Foundation 10 years Birthday conference on 28 – 29 th June 2018	Declined / Cost £55 for ticket
SALSC (Scottish Association of Local Sports Centre)	17/07/18	Invitation to attend SALSC 2018 conference at Stirling Court Hotel on 22 nd September.	Decline / £108 for conference, lunch and dinner
Avenue	18/07/18	Received a gift of 'Easy Recipes for every occasion' recipe cards on 17 th July 2018	Accepted / Cost unknown
Sistema Scotland	08/08/18	Invitation to attend Super Strings Sessions: with Big Noise and Nicola Benedetti. Including a private reception and Q&A with Nicola Benedetti on 3 rd September 2018. Wine and canapes included.	Declined / Cost unknown
Shelter Aberdeen	29/08/18	Invitation to attend community event. Lunch included	Accepted / Cost unknown
Workers Educational Association	27/09/18	Invitation to exhibition of Workers Educational Association at Aberdeen Arts Centre 3 rd October 1.30-3pm	Accepted /Cost unknown
Aberdeen Gymnastics Centre	27/09/18	Invitation to attend the official opening of the gymnastics facility on 21 st September 2018. Drinks reception included	Accepted / Cost unknown

Sound Festival	05/10/18	Invitation to attend the launch of the 2018 sound festival on 24 th October 2018.	Declined / £11 per ticket (max 2 tickets)
Bridge of Don Remembers	05/10/18	Invitation to attend Community Act of Remembrance on 2 nd November 2018. Refreshments included	Declined / Cost unknown
Aberdeen Inspired	15/10/18	Invitation to attend a complementary show of their choosing at the Aberdeen Comedy Festival plus one guest between 4 th to 13 th October 2018.	Declined / Tickets vary between £5 - £19
Grampian Health & Transport Action Plan Programme Manager	25/10/18	Invitation to attend The Grampian Volunteer Transport Awards on 9 th November 2018. Refreshments included.	Declined / Cost unknown
Vodafone (Gigafast Aberdeen)	25/10/18	Invitation to attend VIP Launch – an exclusive film event at the Tivoli Theatre on 30 th October 2018. Canapes and drinks reception included.	Declined / Cost unknown
HMT	21/11/18	Invitation to attend a preview of the pantomime Snow White on 1 st December 2018. X4 complimentary tickets.	Accepted / Cost unknown
Castlegate Arts Ltd	21/11/18	Invitation to receive complimentary tickets to see Jack and the Beanstalk on 30 th November 2018 and drinks reception.	Declined / Cost unknown
Robert Gordon University	21/11/18	Invitation to attend RGU Festive Reception on 18 th December 2018. Festive drinks and canapes included.	Accepted / Cost unknown (Declined 18/12)
Carron to Mumbai	21/11/18	Invitation to attend the official launch of Carron to Mumbai restaurant in Stonehaven on 29 th November 2018. Refreshments and entertainment included.	Declined / Cost unknown

Aberdeen Multicultural Centre	04/12/18	Invitation to attend Multicultural Burns Night 2019. Refreshments included.	Declined / Cost unknown
St Andrew's Cathedral	04/12/18	Invitation to attend the Advent Carol Service on 2 nd December 2018. Seasonal refreshments included.	Declined / Cost unknown
Sistema Scotland	04/12/18	Invitation to attend Big Noise Torry Christmas Concert at the reopening of the Aberdeen Music Hall on 8 th December 2018.	Accepted / Cost unknown
Sistema Scotland	04/12/18	Invitation to attend Big Noise Torry Christmas Guest Reception on 8 th December 2018. Refreshments included.	Declined / Cost unknown
Aberdeen Performing Arts	04/12/18	Invitation to attend the Music Hall gala concert (BBC SSO with Alice Sara Ott) on 15 th December 2018. Drinks reception included.	Accepted / Cost unknown (x2 tickets) (Declined 11/12/18)
St Margaret's School	19/12/18	Invitation to attend Christmas Carol Service on 20 th December 2018 at the Beach Ballroom. Refreshments included.	Declined / Cost unknown
Aberdeen Sports Village	21/12/18	Invitation to attend Aberdeen Sports Village 2019 awards ceremony on 18 th January 2019. Meal and drinks included.	Accepted / Cost unknown
Aberdeen Multicultural Centre	11/10/19	Invitation to attend celebration event to mark the UNESCO International Mother Language Day on 24 th February 2019. X2 tickets	Declined / Cost unknown
Stagecoach North East Scotland	11/01/19	Invitation to attend the launch of new bus services, 747 and 757 on 21 st January 2019. Light lunch included.	Declined / Cost unknown
Aberdeen Hindu Temple Trust	11/01/19	Invitation to attend a cultural evening – Nriya Sangam 2019 on 2 nd	Declined / Cost unknown

		February 2019.	
The Cathedral Church of St Andrew	11/01/19	Invitation to attend Candlemas Choral Meditations on 1 st February 2019. Wine reception included.	Declined / Cost unknown
AFC Community Trust	31/01/19	Invitation to attend Social Return on Investment Regional Event at Teddy Scott lounge, Pittodrie Stadium on 22 nd February 2019. Lunch included.	Accepted (On behalf of Councillor Lumsden) / Cost unknown
Scottish Schools Pipes and Drums Trust	31/01/19	Invitation to attend Afternoon Tea at the 2019 Scottish Schools Pipe Band Championships on 10 th March 2019 on Livingston.	Accepted / Cost unknown (Declined 19/02/19)
Aberdeen Performing Arts	20/02/19	Invitation to attend the opening reception of Granite Noir with a guest at the Music Hall on 22 nd February 2019. Tickets to event included.	Cost unknown / Declined

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.

**Volunteer Therapist – Aberdeen Foyer
Project Search Aberdeen Membership
British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy**

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: 25th May 2017

Received by

Signed: Steven Inglis, Proper Officer

Date: 25th 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.