

Register of Members' Interests Form

Report of the Clerk and Monitoring Officer

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1 Purpose of Report

For the Committee to review the current Members' Register of Interests form and to consider and decide whether it wishes to adopt a new form

2 Recommendations

That the Standards Committee approve the new Members' register of Interests form, attached at Appendix B to this report

3 Background

At its meeting in March 2009 the Committee agreed its Work Plan for 2009 - 2010. One of the actions for July 2009 was to 'Review / update the Fire Authority Members' Register of Interests forms'. It was necessary, however, to cancel the July meeting as a result of Shropshire Council elections. Accordingly, this report is now brought to the Committee for decision.

4 Proposed Changes

The current form (attached at Appendix A to this report) used by Members to register their interests has been in existence for some years and, although reviewed by officers from time to time, has never been considered by this Committee.

Since its introduction a number of changes have been made to the Members' Code of Conduct and, where necessary, these must be reflected in the form. Having reviewed the existing form, officers feel that the one attached at Appendix B to this report would serve Members better.

It separates out the various interests listed in the Code and gives more detailed explanation on what must be included. It also provides additional space, in which to provide the information required.

5 Financial Implications

The cost of introducing a new form would be minimal and could be contained within existing budgets.

6 Legal Comment

Members are required to provide written notification of their personal interests to the Monitoring Officer and to keep these records up-to-date during their term of office (as set out in paragraph 13 (Part 3) of the Model Code of Conduct). The attached form is an updated version of the form currently in use and will help Members to ensure that they provide the correct information. It is also considered good practice to provide regular reminders to Members about keeping their interest form up to date.

7 Equality Impact Assessment

Officers have considered the Service's Brigade Order on Equality Impact Assessments (Personnel 5 Part 2) and have decided that there are no discriminatory practices or differential impacts upon specific groups arising from this report. An Initial Equality Impact Assessment has not, therefore, been completed.

8 Appendices

Appendix A

Current Register of Members' Interests form

Appendix B

Proposed Register of Members' Interests form

9 Background Papers

There are no background papers associated with this report.

Implications of all of the following have been considered and, where they are significant (i.e. marked with an asterisk), the implications are detailed within the report itself.

Balanced Score Card		Integrated Risk Management Planning	
Business Continuity Planning		Legal	
Capacity		Member Involvement	*
Civil Contingencies Act		National Framework	
Comprehensive Performance Assessment		Operational Assurance	
Efficiency Savings		Retained	
Environmental		Risk and Insurance	
Financial		Staff	
Fire Control/Fire Link		Strategic Planning	
Information Communications and Technology		West Midlands Regional Management Board	
Freedom of Information / Data Protection / Environmental Information		Equality Impact Assessment	

Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority

Register of Members' Interests

Whilst completing this form Members are asked to refer to the attached extract from the Code of Conduct regarding the registration of financial and other interests. Please complete all sections and if a particular section is not relevant to you, please insert **Not applicable**.

Full name:
Address:

Employment or business

Please refer to paragraph 8 (1) (iii) and (iv).

Name of employer and/or business:	Description of employment and/or business:

Sponsorship

Please refer to paragraph 8 (1) (v).

Name of body and/or person making payments:

Interests in any person or body with a place of business or land in the Authority's area

Please refer to paragraph 8 (1) (vi).

Name of person or body where nominal value of interest is over £25,000 or one hundredth of total issued share capital, i.e. face value (value recorded on the share certificate), whichever is the lower:

Contracts with the Authority

Please refer to paragraph 8 (1) (vii).

Description of any contracts with the Authority for goods, services or works:

Land in the area of the Authority

Please refer to paragraph 8 (1) (ix), (x) and (xi).

Address/description of land:	Nature of interest (beneficial interest, tenancy with the Authority and/or licence to occupy):

Membership of, or position of general control or management in, any body exercising functions of a public nature, directed to charitable purposes or one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union)

Please refer to paragraph 8 (1) (ii).

Name of organisation:	Details of membership/position:

Signed..... Date

Received by Date

Please keep a copy of this document for your reference. Under paragraph 12 of the Code of Conduct a Member must, within 28 days of becoming aware of any changes to the interests specified above, provide written notification of those changes to the Authority’s Monitoring Officer.



Shropshire and Wrekin
Fire and Rescue Authority

Local Government Act 2000, Section 81

Please complete ALL sections of the form, marking 'None' where appropriate.

Member's Register of Interests

Name	Councillor
Authority	Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority

I have set out below under the appropriate headings my interests, which I am required to declare under the Code of Conduct adopted by the Authority.

Employment, Office, Trade, Profession or Vocation

Name of employer or body	Description of employment or activity

Notes:

1. You must list any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation that you have to declare for income tax purposes.
2. Give a short description of the activity concerned, for example, "estate agent".
3. Employees should give the name of their employer. If employed by a company, give the name of the company paying your wages or salary. If a partner in a firm, give the name of the firm.
4. Where you hold an office, give the name of the person or body which appointed you. In the case of a public office, this will be the authority which pays you. In the case of a teacher in a maintained school, the local education authority; in the case of an aided or foundation school, the school's governing body.

Sponsorship

Name of person or body making payments

Notes:

You should declare the name of any person or body who has made any payments to you towards your expenses as a councillor or towards your election expenses. You do not need to declare the amounts of any payments – only the name of the person or body making them.

Interests in Companies and Securities

Name of company/body

Notes:

1. You should list the names of any companies, industrial and provident societies, co-operative societies, or other bodies corporate that (to your knowledge) have a place of business or land in the authority's area and in which you have a beneficial interest. You do not need to show the extent of your interest.
2. You have a beneficial interest if you own shares or other securities in the company with a nominal value of more than £25,000 or more than 1/100th of the issued shares or securities. If there are several classes of shares or securities, the fraction of 1/100th applies to any of those classes. These limits also apply to deposits with industrial and provident societies, and co-operative societies.
3. The requirement also covers shares and securities held in the name of other people, in which you have a beneficial interest.

Contracts with the Authority

Description of contract

Notes:

1. You should describe all contracts, of which you are aware, which are not fully discharged, and which are:
 - a) contracts for the supply of goods, services or works to the authority or on the authority's behalf; and
 - b) between the authority of which you are a member and either yourself or a company in which you have a beneficial interest or of which you are a remunerated director.
2. You need not say what the financial arrangements are, but you should state the length of the contract.

Gifts or Hospitality

Name of person or body making the gift of hospitality	Nature of gift/ hospitality

Note: You should give details of the name of any person or body, who has made any gift or hospitality over the value of £25 within the last three years.

Land in the area of the Authority

Address/ description of land	Nature of interest in land

Notes:

- You should include any land in the area of the authority in which you a beneficial interest (that is, in which you have some proprietary interest for your own benefit). If you live in the authority's area you should include your home under this heading as owner, lessee or tenant.
- You should include any property from which you receive rent, or of which you are a mortgagee.
- "Land" includes any buildings or parts of buildings.

Corporate Tenancies

Address/description of land	Nature of interest in land

Note:

You should list any tenancies of property of which you are aware where the landlord is the authority of which you are a member, and the tenant is a company in which you have a beneficial interest, or of which you are a remunerated director.

Licences to Occupy Land

Address/ description of land

Notes:

- You should include land in the area of the authority which you have a right to occupy, but neither own nor have a tenancy of it. You should give the address or a brief description to identify it.
- “Land” includes any buildings or parts of buildings.

Membership or position of control or management in public bodies, charities, trade unions, professional associations or other organisations

Name of organisation	Details of membership/ position

Notes:

1. You must list:
 - a) any body of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management and to which you are appointed or nominated by the Council;
 - b) any body:
 - exercising functions of a public nature
 - directed to charitable purpose, or
 - one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union)

of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management

Sensitive Information:

You may consider that making any of the information in this form available for inspection by the public would create, or would be likely to create, a serious risk that you or a person who lives with you may be subjected to violence or intimidation. If this is the case please discuss with the Monitoring Officer, who will consider whether you can withhold that information.

Signed Date:

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Signed Date:

Please return completed form to:

Corporate Services Manager
Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters
St. Michaels Street
Shrewsbury
Shropshire
SY1 2HJ

Advice and guidance on completing this form can be obtained from:

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