

North East Derbyshire District Council

Standards Committee

18 June 2015

Register of Interest Forms 2015
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Report No ADGMO/5/15-16/SS of the Assistant Director – Governance and Monitoring Officer

This report is public

Purpose of the Report

- To advise members of the numbers of statutory register of interest forms received from District and Parish councillors.

1 Report Details

- 1.1 The Localism Act 2011 places a requirement on the Monitoring Officer to establish and maintain a register of members' interests for the District Council and parish or town councils within the District authority's area.
- 1.2 A member or co-opted member of either of these authorities must, before the end of 28 days beginning with the day on which the person becomes a member or co-opted member of the authority, notify the authority's monitoring officer of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests which the person has at the time when the notification is given.
- 1.3 A member commits a criminal offence if, without reasonable excuse, they fail to comply with paragraph 1.2. A person who is guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.
- 1.4 The District Council issued all of its members with blank copies of the registration form with their post-election induction packs. The form is in two parts, covering DPIs but also 'other interests' which are not required to be declared by law but are subject to the Code of Conduct. Completed forms have been received by all members and will shortly be uploaded on to the Council's website as required by legislation.
- 1.5 Blank registration forms for parish and town councils were sent to clerks on 14 April 2015. Members were advised to complete them by 8 June 2015 (this is the 29th day). The appendix attached to this report highlights the current position. It should be noted that some parishes are still carrying vacancies arising from uncontested elections. However, all parishes will be chased over the coming weeks and requested to submit their forms at the earliest opportunity.
- 1.6 Copies of the completed forms will be placed on the District Council's website and on the parish council's website if it has one. This too is a legal requirement.

2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation

- 2.1 To advise members of the current position with regards to members' register of interest forms.
- 2.2 To ensure compliance with the statutory framework.

3 Consultation and Equality Impact

- 3.1 None.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 None.

5 Implications

- 5.1 None.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 To note the report.

7 Decision Information

Is the decision a Key Decision? (A Key Decision is one which results in income or expenditure to the Council of £50,000 or more or which has a significant impact on two or more District wards)	No
District Wards Affected	
Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework	

8 Document Information

Appendix No	Title
A	Parish/Town Council Register of Interest Forms
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)	
N/A	
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