

## Notification by a member of a change to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and “Other Registerable Personal Interests”

I, (*full name*) ...Joanne Couchman.....

a Member of (*authority*) ...Woolsington Parish Council.....(“relevant authority”)

have the following changes to my **DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS** (as defined by the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012) registered by you:

*Please state “none” where appropriate*

### **PLEASE READ THE GUIDANCE NOTES ON FINAL PAGE**

**Note:** *The following interests are Disclosable Pecuniary Interests if they are an interest of either (a) yourself, or (b) your spouse or civil partner, or (c) a person with whom you are living as husband and wife, or (d) a person with whom you are living as if you were civil partners (all of whom are referred to as “relevant persons”) and you are aware that that other person has the interest:-*

**(i) Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation** - Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.

Member:

Spouse, civil partner or person with whom living as spouse/civil partner:

Professional Mechanical Engineer, currently employed by Royal IHC Engineering Business in Stocksfield, Northumberland

**(ii) Sponsorship** - Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the relevant authority) made or provided within the previous 12 months in respect of any expenses incurred by you in carrying out your duties as a member, or towards your election expenses.

This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

Member:

Spouse, civil partner or person with whom living as spouse/civil partner:

**(iii) Contracts** - Any contract which is made between the relevant person (or a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest) and the relevant authority —  
(a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and  
(b) which has not been fully discharged

Member:

Spouse, civil partner or person with whom living as spouse/civil partner:

**(iv) Land** - Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the relevant authority.

Member:

Spouse, civil partner or person with whom living as spouse/civil partner:

**(v) Licences** - Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the relevant authority for a month or longer.

Member:

Spouse, civil partner or person with whom living as spouse/civil partner:

**(vi) Corporate tenancies** - Any tenancy where (to your knowledge)—

(a) the landlord is the relevant authority; and

(b) the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.

Member:

Spouse, civil partner or person with whom living as spouse/civil partner:

**(vii) Securities** - Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where—

(a) that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the relevant authority; and

(b) either—

(i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or

(ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

Member:

Spouse, civil partner or person with whom living as spouse/civil partner:

I also have the following changes to my “**OTHER REGISTERABLE PERSONAL INTERESTS**” (as defined in the authority’s Code of Conduct for Members) registered by you:

*Please state “none” where appropriate*

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**Note:** *The following interests mean only **your interests** and not those of your spouse, civil partner or person with whom you are living as spouse/civil partner:-*

- (a) I am a member or in a position of general control or management of the following body/ies to which I have been appointed or nominated by the authority.

- (b) I am a member or in a position of general control or management of the following body/ies exercising functions of a public nature.

- (c) I am a member or in a position of general control or management of the following body/ies with charitable purposes.

NB: it should be noted that the term ‘bodies with charitable purposes’ can include organisations which do not fall within the legal definition of a charity. For example, Rotary or Lions clubs or the Freemasons. If you have any queries as to whether you need to register an interest in this (or any other category), then please speak to one of the officers mentioned in the guidance notes at the end of this form.

- (d) I am a member or in a position of general control or management of the following body/ies one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy\*.

\*Including any political party or trade union

- (e) Name of any person from whom I have received within the previous three years the offer of a gift or hospitality with an estimated value of more than £50 (whether or not I accepted the offer).

*See separate sheet attached*

**Date** ...01.10.17.....

**Signed** ...J Couchman.....

## **GUIDANCE NOTES**

### **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

In the above descriptions, the following words have the following meanings –

“*body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest*” means a firm in which the relevant person is a partner or a body corporate of which the relevant person is a director, or in the securities of which the relevant person has a beneficial interest;

“*director*” includes a member of the committee of management of an industrial and provident society;

“*land*” excludes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not carry with it a right for the relevant person (alone or jointly with another) to occupy the land or to receive income;

“*relevant authority*” means the authority of which you are a member;

“*securities*” means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description, other than money deposited with a building society.

### **Other Registerable Personal Interests**

(a) If the authority has appointed or nominated you as its official representative on any outside body or bodies please set out in this section the name(s) of any such body/ies.

(b) If you are a member, or you hold a position of general control or management, of any other public authority or body (for example, the fire authority for the area) details should be included in this section.

(c) If you are a member, or you hold a position of general control or management, of any charity or similar organisation, details should be included in this section.

NB: it should be noted that the term ‘bodies with charitable purposes’ can include organisations which do not fall within the legal definition of a charity. For example, Rotary or Lions clubs or the Freemasons. If you have any queries as to whether you need to register an interest in this (or any other category), then please speak to one of the officers mentioned in the guidance notes at the end of this form.

(d) If you are a member, or you hold a position of general control or management, of any organisation whose main purpose is to influence public opinion or policy (for example a lobbying or campaigning group, whether national or local), you should set out the name(s) here.

(e) If you have received the offer of a gift or hospitality with an estimated value of more than £50 (whether or not you accepted the offer), within the previous 3 years, you should set out the name of the person from whom you received it here.

This relates to gifts or hospitality attributable to your position as a member of the authority.

You should also give brief details of the gift or hospitality and indicate whether you accepted or declined it.

## ..Woolsington Parish Council

### Disclosure of Offers and Receipt of Gifts and Hospitality

Completed forms should be sent to the Head of Democratic Services, Newcastle City Council, within 28 days of receiving the offer. Please give precise details of the offer (eg including the precise number and estimated value where possible) - it is not sufficient to use generic terms such as "Concert Tickets".

Name: Joanne Couchman

**NB Threshold for disclosure is over £50**

Month(s) and Year which the return covers:- \_\_\_\_\_

*Please tick one of the following boxes:*

Nil Return  **Or** Offer(s) to declare (*Please fill in details below*)

Date of Offer	Details of Offer	Who made the offer?	Estimated value	Accepted or Declined?

Note: This information will be open to public inspection and form part of your entry in the Statutory Register of Interests.

Signed: - J Couchman

Date: - 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017