

WICKFORD TOWN COUNCIL

REGISTER OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

GENERAL NOTICE OF REGISTERABLE INTERESTS

I, Christopher John Hobart

a member of Wickford Town Council, agree to abide by the revised Member Code of Conduct adopted by Council on 5 September 2022, and have set out below for registration in the Council's Register of Members' Interests, the details of my interests, which I am required to declare under the Localism Act 2011 and the Council's Code of Conduct. I have put "none" where I have no such interests under any category. Where I am using this form to register a change to my interests under any category, I have put "no change" under all other categories.

General Notes

Members are required to register details of their interests within 28 days of their election and must re-register their interests on re-election.

Subsequently, Members are required to register any new interests or changes to existing interests within 28 days of becoming aware of the new or changed interest.

Member means a member of the Council.

Reference to Member includes a co-opted member (with voting rights) and in this case reference to election and re-election means appointment or re-appointment.

Reference to 'relevant authority' means Wickford Town Council.

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Defined under The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 ("the Regulations")

Members are required to register not only their own interests under this section but also those of their husband or wife, civil partner or any person with whom they are living as if husband or wife or as civil partners (*these are referred to as relevant persons below).

Members will have a disclosable pecuniary interest in any business of the Council if it is of a description set out below.

1. Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation:

Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation, carried on by you, or those relevant persons referred to above (*), for profit or gain

Self employed Music Teacher & Performing Musician

Guidance Note for Category 1:

This category includes any payments or benefits in kind which are subject to Income Tax.

It excludes unpaid work for public, voluntary and charitable bodies (unless a Special Responsibility Allowance is received).

2. Sponsorship

Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than for the Council) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses you have incurred 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.

NA

Guidance Note for Category 2:

Under this category, the relevant period is defined under the Regulations as 12 months ending on the day the Member gives notification through the submission of this form.

Members must therefore declare any financial contributions received as a Member (or as a candidate prior to being elected) within the last 12 months of completing this form for the first registration or within 28 days of receiving contributions thereafter.

3. Contracts

Any contract which is made between you or a relevant person referred to above (*) (or a body in which you or they have a beneficial interest) and the Council (inc. Council owned companies) –

- (a) under which goods and services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and
- (b) which has not been fully discharged.

NA

Guidance Note for Category 3:

“Body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest” is defined within the Regulations as meaning a firm in which the relevant person is a director, or in the securities of which the person has a beneficial interest.

“Securities” is defined within the Regulations as meaning 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”.

Therefore, this category only applies to any current contracts which exist between the Council and the Member or relevant persons referred to above (*) or bodies with which they have a beneficial interest.

4. Land

Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the Council.

NA

Guidance Note for Category 4:

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

Members must declare all of their land holdings, and that of relevant persons referred to above (*), within the area of the Council, where they have a beneficial interest, i.e. right of occupation of land or receive income.	
5. Licences Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the Council for a month or longer.	NA
<u>Guidance Note for Category 5:</u> “land” excludes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not carry with it a right for the Member or the relevant person referred to above (*) (alone or jointly with another) to occupy the land or to receive income. Members must declare any licences they or relevant persons referred to above (*) hold either alone or with others to occupy land within the area of the Council for longer than 1 month.	
6. Corporate Tenancies Any tenancy where (to your knowledge): (a) the landlord is the Council; and (b) the tenant is a body in which you or a relevant person referred to above (*) has a beneficial interest.	NA
<u>Guidance Note for Category 6:</u> “Body in which the Member or the relevant person referred to above (*) has a beneficial interest” is defined within the Regulations as meaning a firm in which the person above is a director, or in the securities of which the person has a beneficial interest. Members must declare any tenancies, which they are aware of, where the Council is the landlord and the tenant is a body with whom the Member or the relevant person referred to above (*) has a beneficial interest.	

7. 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 Council; and (b) either- (i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issue 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 you or a person referred to above has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issue share capital of that class.	NA
<u>Guidance Note to Category 7:</u> “Securities” is defined within the Regulations as meaning 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 Interests

Members are to register the interests which only apply to you.

8. Any Unpaid Directorships:

Any person or any body who employs or has appointed you.

NA

Guidance Note to Category 8:

Provide the name of any person or of any company for which you hold an unpaid directorship position.

9.Appointments by the Council:

Any body of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management and to which you are nominated or appointed by you authority.

Member of town council

Guidance Note to Category 9:

Provide the name and position to which you hold for the body to which you have been appointed.

10.Bodies

Any bodies:

- (a) Exercising functions of a public nature
- (b) Directed towards charitable purposes; or
- (c) 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.

I run the Level up after school Gaming club for kids aged 8 – 16YO. Which takes place at the Wickford town council building between 3:30 – 6pm on Monday's during school term times.

The Council also requires Councillors to register tenders or expired contracts with the Council or council owned bodies -

NA

I recognise that it may be a criminal offence under the Localism Act 2011 to:-

- (1) omit information that ought to be given in this notice;
- (2) provide information that is materially false or misleading;
- (3) fail to give further notices in order to bring up to date information given in this notice after my re-election or reappointment or to fail to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest that I acquire after the date of this notice and have to declare under the provisions of s. 31 (2) Localism Act 2011.

I also acknowledge that it may be a breach of the Code of Conduct to:-

- (1) omit information that ought to be given in this notice;
- (2) provide information that is materially false or misleading;
- (3) fail to provide written notification to the authority's Monitoring Officer of any change in my interests contained in this notice within 28 days of my becoming aware of such change of circumstances;
- (4) fail to declare interests at meetings.

I acknowledge that possessing Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and/or Other Registerable Interests will restrict my participation at meetings and in decision making, in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct.

I acknowledge that the annual return of the Declaration of Related Party Transactions is a separate matter and will complete this accordingly.



Signed:

Date: 20/05/2026

Please return this form to the Town Clerk

Approved 5 September 2022

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Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. D.', written over a horizontal line.

Proper Officer of Wickford Town Council:

Date: 21 May 2026