

Town/Parish Council: City of Ely Council

REGISTER OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

THE RELEVANT AUTHORITIES (DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS) REGULATIONS 2012

Explanatory Notes

1. This form must be completed and returned within 28 days of the adoption of the Code of Conduct or within 28 days of your election or appointment to office.
2. You must within 28 days of becoming aware of any changes to the interests specified above provide written notification to the Monitoring Officer of that change.
3. The Register of Interests is maintained by the Monitoring Officer in accordance with Section 29 of the Localism Act 2011 and will be published on the Council's website.
4. If you have a disclosable pecuniary interest and you consider that disclosure of that interest could lead to you or any person connected with you, being subject to violence or intimidation, you may apply to the Council's Monitoring Officer to exclude details of the interest from the published register, (but it may state that the Member has an interest, the details of which are being withheld).
5. In certain circumstances, failure to register or to declare a "declarable pecuniary interest" is a criminal offence. So is speaking and voting, unless you have a dispensation. This is punishable on conviction by a fine of up to £5,000 and/or disqualification as a councillor for up to five years.

I PIERS ANDREW COUTTS (full name in block capitals)

a Member¹ of City of Ely Council (the 'Council') give notice that I have set out below under the appropriate headings my disclosable pecuniary interests, and those of my Partner² that are known to me and which are required to be declared under the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, and in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct adopted by the Council.

1. Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain

Note: Please provide the name and address of any employer or business and your job title/description.

Myself	Partner
Nil	Nil

2. Sponsorship

Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the Council) made during the previous 12-month period for expenses incurred by him/her in carrying out his/her duties as a councillor or towards his/her 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.

Myself	Partner
Nil	Nil

3. Contracts

Any contract made between the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners (or a firm in which such person is a partner, or an incorporated body of which such person is a director³ or a body that such person has a beneficial interest in the securities⁴ of) and the council -

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

Myself	Partner
Nil	Nil

4. Land and Property

Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the council. Land excludes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not give the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if there were spouses/civil partners (alone or jointly with another) a right to occupy or to receive income.

Notes: Please provide address or other description sufficient to identify the location. It should also include your home address.

Myself	Partner
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5. Licences

Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the Council for a month or longer. Please provide a brief description to identify the land.

Myself	Partner
Nil	Nil

6. Corporate Tenancies

Any tenancies where (to your knowledge) -

- (a) the landlord is the Council; and
- (b) the tenant is a body that the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners is a partner of or a director³ of or who has a beneficial interest in the securities⁴ of.

Myself	Partner
Nil	Nil

7. Securities

Any beneficial interest in securities⁴ 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 value⁵ of the securities⁴ 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 value⁵ of the shares of any one class in which the councillor, or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

Myself	Partner
Nil	Nil

8. Disclosure of Gifts and Hospitality

You must reveal the names of any person from whom you have received a gift or hospitality with an estimated value of at least £50, which you have received in your capacity as a councillor.

Date of receipt of Gift/Hospitality	Name of Donor	Nature and estimated value of Gift/Hospitality
Nil	Nil	Nil

9. Other Registerable Interests

I am an unpaid director.

Please provide further details below:

Nil

I am a member of, or in a position of general control or management to which I was nominated or appointed by the Council.

Please provide further details below.

Nil

I am a member of, or I am in a position of general control or management in the following body/bodies –

- (a) exercising functions of a public nature (e.g. school governing body or another Council)**

Please provide further detail below.

Nil

- (b) directed to charitable purposes**

Please provide further detail below.

Trustee of St Mary's Church Ely
Trustee of Needhams Trinity Foundation
Member of The National Trust
Member of The Countryside Restoration Trust
Member of The John Muir Trust

- (c) one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union)

Please provide further detail below.

Member of 'Population Matters'



Members Signature:

Date: 11 March 2026

After completion, please sign and return to your Clerk who has been requested to forward them on -

- by e-mail to democratic.services@eastcambs.gov.uk or

by post addressed to The Monitoring Officer, East Cambridgeshire District Council, The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely, Cambridgeshire CB7 4EE.

Footnotes:

- ¹ **'Member'** includes a co-opted Member.
- ² **'Partner'** includes your spouse, civil partner or person with whom you are living as if they were your spouse or civil partner.
- ³ **'Director'** includes a member of the committee of management or an industrial and provident society.
- ⁴ **'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.
- ⁵ **'Nominal Value'** means the amount shown on the share certificate, not the market value.

