



**Notification of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**  
**Kent County Council**  
**Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue Authority**



**To the Monitoring Officer:**

Surname:     Stepto

Forename(s):     Paul Andrew

Address: [REDACTED]

I am completing this form because on: 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Updated form as of 11/10/24

*[insert date and select option from the list below, deleting those not applicable]:*

- (a) I was elected as a member of the Kent County Council\* OR
- ~~(b) I was appointed by Kent County Council to serve on the Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue Authority OR~~
- ~~(c) I was co-opted as a member of a committee or sub-committee of the Kent County Council OR~~
- ~~(d) the Council or the Fire Authority adopted a new code of conduct OR~~
- ~~(e) there was a change in my interests and this form supersedes and replaces the form registered by me on [insert date]~~

**IMPORTANT NOTES**

- (1) The requirement to notify the Monitoring Officer of a disclosable pecuniary interest applies not only to your own interests but also those of your husband/wife/civil partner, or a person with whom you are living as husband/wife or as if you are civil partners, where you are aware that the other person has the interest. The term 'relevant person' therefore means you and any other person referred to above.
- (2) This form will also be used by Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue Authority if you are appointed by Kent County Council to serve on that Authority. Both authorities currently share the same Monitoring Officer. Please note that the Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue Authority covers the area served by Medway Council as well as the area served by Kent County Council and so you are required to notify any interests in the whole area served by the County Council and Medway Council.
- (3) Details of your notified interests will appear in the Members' Register of Interests and be open to public inspection. They will also be published on

the website of Kent County Councils, (and, if appropriate, of Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue Authority).

- (4) If you consider that the disclosure of the details of any of your interests could lead to you, or a person connected with you, being subject to violence or intimidation, and you would like to withhold these details from the register of interests, please provide this information to the Monitoring Officer and explain your concerns regarding the disclosure of the sensitive information, including why it is likely to create such a risk. If the Monitoring Officer agrees, the information will not be included in copies of the register made available for inspection, or any published version of the register.

#### Part A: Employment

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

NONE

#### Part B: Sponsorship

Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the Kent County Council or the Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue Authority) made or provided within the relevant period<sup>1</sup> in respect of any expenses incurred by you in carrying out 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.

NONE

<sup>1</sup> 'Relevant period' means the period of 12 months ending with the day on which you give a notification for the purposes of section 30(1) or section 31(7), as the case may be, of the Localism Act 2011.

**Part C: Contracts**

Any contract which is made between the relevant person (or a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest<sup>2</sup>) and the Kent County Council and/or the Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue Authority (please specify which):

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

NONE

**Part D: Land**

Any beneficial interest in land<sup>3</sup> which is within the area of the Kent County Council or Medway Council (*You must include the address at which you live*).

NONE

<sup>2</sup> "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.

"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

<sup>3</sup> "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.

## Part E: Licences

Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land<sup>4</sup> in the area of Kent County Council or Medway Council for a month or longer.

NONE

## Part F: Corporate Tenancies

Any tenancy where (to your knowledge):

- (a) the landlord is the Kent County Council or the Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue Authority (please specify which); and
- (b) the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest<sup>5</sup>

NONE

<sup>4</sup> "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.

<sup>5</sup> "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.

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## Part G: Securities

Any beneficial interest in securities<sup>6</sup> of a body where:

- (a) that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the Kent County Council or Medway Council; and
- (b) either:
  - (i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 (face value) or one hundredth (1/100<sup>th</sup>) 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

None

## Part H: Declarations

### IMPORTANT

**It is a criminal offence to fail to notify the Monitoring Officer of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs). This requirement arises in each of the following circumstances:**

- (a) **before the end of 28 days beginning with the day on which you become a member or co-opted member of the authority (s.30(1) Localism Act 2011);**
- (b) **where the DPI is not entered in the authority's register and is not the subject of a pending notification, but is disclosed at a meeting of the authority (or any committee, sub-committee, joint committee or joint sub-committee) as required by s.31(2) of the Localism Act, within 28 days beginning with the date of the disclosure (s.31(3) Localism Act 2011);**
- (c) **where the DPI is not entered in the authority's register and is not the subject of a pending notification, within 28 days beginning with the date when you become aware that you have a DPI in any matter to be dealt with, or being dealt with, by you acting alone in the course of discharging a function of the authority (s.31(7) Localism Act 2011).**

<sup>6</sup> "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.

**It is also a criminal offence to knowingly provide information that is false or misleading (or being reckless as to whether the information is true and not misleading)**

**In addition to the above, the Kent County Council and the Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue Authority have both adopted a Code of Conduct for Members which requires you to notify the Monitoring Officer of any DPs before the end of 28 days beginning with the day on which the Code takes effect. Failure to comply with this requirement would not of itself be a criminal offence but could render you liable to action being taken against you under the Code.**

To the best of my knowledge, the information given in this form is complete and correct.

Signed:	
Date:	9/5/21

**This form is to be returned direct to the Monitoring Officer**

This declaration has been registered by me:	
Monitoring Officer	Date: 6/12/21

*You may use this space as a continuation sheet or, if necessary, attach another sheet of paper.*

**PART II - ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY DECLARATION**

I understand that I am under no obligation to complete this Part.

I set out below the information requested in accordance with the Council's policy on the voluntary declaration of interests additional to those recorded in Part I.

**1. Membership of organisations not registrable under Part I**

I wish to declare that I am a member of the following organisations and that I hold the offices shown:-

Organisation	Office Held (if appropriate)
GREEN PARTY	TOWNBRIDGE + MALLING BRANCH SECRETARY

**2. Directorships not registrable under Part I**

I wish to declare that my spouse/partner and I hold the following directorships:-

My Directorships
NONE

My Spouse/Partner's Directorships
NONE

**3. Shareholdings etc. not registrable under Part I**

I wish to declare that I have the following stock and shareholdings:-

My Stock and Shareholdings
NONE

**4. Other**

I wish to declare the following:-

Other
NONE Local Authority Governor - Nexus School, Tonbridge (updated 11/10/24)

Signed: [Member's Signature] \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: PAUL ANDREW STEPTON  
Councillor/Independent Member/Co-Opted Member  
(please delete as appropriate)

Date: 9/5/21 Updated 10/10/24

I have attached 0 additional pages

Please return the signed Declaration to the Monitoring Officer

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Signed: [Signature] \_\_\_\_\_  
Monitoring Officer  
KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

Date: 16/12/21 Amendment Approved by Ben Watts, 12/10/24