

### Councillor declaration of interest register

The guiding principle for Councillor declarations in the interest register is set out in the Otago Regional Council's Code of Conduct<sup>9</sup>, which states:

*“Ethical behaviour – Members should not place themselves in situations where their honesty and integrity may be questioned, should not behave improperly and should on all occasions avoid the appearance of such behaviour”.*

In addition, the Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968 is concerned with members' financial and non-financial interests. The Office of the Auditor General notes a conflict of interest can arise when “a member's or official's duties or responsibilities to a public entity could be affected by some other interest of duty that the member or official may have”.<sup>10</sup>

Keeping Councillors' declaration of interest register, both financial and non-financial, allows the member and Council to identify and manage a conflict of interest when it arises. The register should also include any such interest(s) held by a Councillor's partner or spouse.

The register must be reviewed annually.<sup>11</sup> If a Councillor is in doubt as to whether or not a particular course of action, including a decision to take no action, raises a conflict of interest, then the member should seek guidance from the Chief Executive immediately.

Where a Councillor's circumstances change, the Councillor must ensure the Register of Interests is updated as soon as possible.

The information in the completed declarations will be publicly available on the Council's website.

| Type of Interest   | Details   |
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| Employment, trade or profession carried on by the Councillor or the Councillor's spouse or partner for profit or gain        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Otago Regional Councillor</li> <li>• Lecturer for Road Scholar Ltd, Boston, Mass., USA, on Southern New Zealand</li> <li>• Occasional contributor to RadioNZ programmes</li> <li>• Semi-retired education consultant.</li> <li>• Partner is a self-employed careers education consultant.</li> </ul> |
| Any company, trust, partnership etc for which the member or their spouse/partner is a director, business partner or trustee. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ADA 2007 Limited (Director)</li> </ul>   |
| Address of any land in which the member has a beneficial interest the Otago region.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 144 Signal Hill Rd, Dunedin</li> </ul>   |

<sup>9</sup> Adopted by the Otago Regional Council on 22 February 2017

<sup>10</sup> Office of the Auditor General Good Practice Guide – Managing Conflicts of Interest: Guidance for Public Entities

<sup>11</sup> Refer to clause 9, Otago Regional Council Code of Conduct

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| <p>Address of any land owned by the local authority in which the member or their spouse/partner is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A tenant; or</li> <li>• The land is tenanted by a firm in which the member or spouse/partner is a business partner; a company of which the member or spouse/partner is a director; or a trust of which the member or spouse/partner is a trustee.</li> </ul>                   |  |
| <p>Details of any ORC consents, permits or rights held by the Councillor, spouse / partner, family or trust/company.</p>  |  |
| <p>Any other matters which the public might reasonably regard as likely to influence the Councillor's actions during the course of their duties as a member. This can include:</p> <p>Interest in organisations and/or trusts that obtain or are seeking funding or other assistance from the ORC.</p> <p>Details of any ORC resource consents, permits or rights held by the Councillor, partner, family or trust/company.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ADA 2007 Limited (Councillor holds a 100% shareholding) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Close family members resident at <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Waitati,</li> <li>- Gibbston Valley (lifestyle block);</li> <li>- Arthur's Point.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Member of the Labour Party</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

The information contained in this statement is to the best of my knowledge complete and accurate as at the below date. I confirm I have included in this statement details of any interests held by me or my spouse/partner through trusts or companies.

Signed Michael Deaker Date 26.2.20

Printed name Michael Deaker

**Note: Gifts register**

When a gift valued at \$50 or more is accepted by a Councillor in their capacity as a Councillor, the Councillor must immediately disclose this to the Chief Executive in writing for inclusion in the publicly available gifts register.<sup>12</sup>

<sup>12</sup> Refer to Clause 10, Otago Regional Council Code of Conduct