OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL - DECLARATION

Councillor declaration of interest register

The guiding principle for Councillors' declarations in the interest register is set out in the Otago Regional Council's Code of Conduct[9], 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 or duty that the member or official may have*."[10]

Keeping a 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[11]. If a Councillor is in any 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 Council's website.

	Type of Interest	Description
1.	Details of employment, trade or profession carried on by the Councillor or the Councillor's spouse / partner for profit or gain.	Otago Regional Councillor Farmer Partner works for Oamaru Physiotherapy Clinic
2.	Any company, trust, partnership etc of which the Councillor or their spouse / partner is a director, partner or trustee.	Parakanapa Forestry Partnership (Gisborne) Trustee of DA & JM Brown Family Trust

[9] Adopted by the Otago Regional Council on 22 February 2017
[10] Office of the Auditor General Good Practice Guide – Managing Conflicts of Interest: Guidance for public entities
[11] Refer clause 9, Otago Regional Council Code of Conduct

3	Other companies and business entities or interests.	Shareholder of Ravensdown, Alliance Group, North Otago Irrigation Company, Farmlands, Contact Energy, Meridian Energy, PGGWrightsons, Fletcher Building, Tourism Holdings, Skellerup Industries, Goodman Property Trust, Infratil & Member of 'Federated Farmers of New Zealand'
4	Beneficial interests in trusts.	D A & J M Brown Family Trust
5.	The address of any land in which the Councillor has a beneficial interest within the jurisdiction of the Otago region.	"Punchbowl",110 Waimotu Rd., RD 6O, Oamaru (368 hectares, Maheno) Fortification Rd., Totora (143 hectares)
6.	The address of any land owned by the Otago Regional Council (in which the Councillor or his or her spouse / partner is): • A tenant; or • Which is tenanted by a firm in which the member or spouse is a partner, a company of which the member or spouse / partner is a director or shareholder, or a trust of which the member or spouse / partner is a trustee or beneficiary.	N/A
7.	Organisations and Trusts that obtain, or are seeking funding/other assistance from the ORC.	N/A
8.	Gifts.	N/A
9.	Payments for activities or services.	N/A
10.	Creditors (if greater than $50K, but not the amount).	N/A
11.	Debtors (if greater than $50K, but not the amount).	N/A
12.	Details of any ORC consents, permits or rights held by the Councillor, spouse / partner, family or trust/company.	N/A
13.	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.	N/A

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

Signed ..... Date 2/4/2019

Name: .....D. A. BROWN.....

NB: Gifts register: Where a gift to the value of $50 or more is accepted by a Councillor in their capacity as a Councillor, the Councillor must immediately disclose this to the Chief Executive for inclusion in the publicly available register of interests[12].

Example

	Type of Interest	Description
1.	Details of employment, trade or profession carried on by the Councillor or the Councillor's spouse / partner for profit or gain.	Regional Councillor, company director, manager Spouse: company director and, accountant (ABC Accountants Limited)
2.	Any company, trust, partnership etc of which the Councillor or their spouse / partner is a director, partner or trustee.	Director and shareholder – ABC Limited ABC Family Trust – Trustee (spouse is also a trustee)
3	Other companies and business entities or interests.	Shareholder – ABC Electricity Limited Spouse – Shareholder, ABC Water Limited
4	Beneficial interests in trusts.	ABC Family Trust Spouse – ABC Family Trust
5.	The address of any land in which the Councillor has a beneficial interest within the jurisdiction of the Otago region.	123 Abc Street, Dunedin
6.	The address of any land owned by the Otago Regional Council (in which the Councillor or his or her spouse / partner is): • A tenant; or • Which is tenanted by a firm in which the member or spouse is a partner, a company of which the member or spouse / partner is	Licence to Occupy – grazing strip – 500 Abc Street, Milton

[12] Refer clause 10, Otago Regional Council Code of Conduct