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..... TOWN/PARISH COUNCIL

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

ROBERT ELLIOTT LOW

I, (full name in block capitals),

being an elected member or co-opted member of Beetham Town/Parish Council (the Council), give notice to the Chief Legal and Monitoring Officer, Westmorland and Furness Council of the following disclosable pecuniary interests, as required by the Localism Act 2011, and other interests, as required by the Council's Code of Conduct.

I understand that –

- Following any disclosure of an interest not on the authority's register or subject of pending notification, I must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days beginning with the date of disclosure; and
- the information declared on this form will be kept in a Register available for public inspection and published on the Council's website (if it has one) and on Westmorland and Furness Council's website.

SENSITIVE INTERESTS

A "sensitive interest" is an interest which could result in, or is likely to result in a serious risk that you, or a person connected with you, may be subjected to violence or intimidation.

Where you consider that this may apply to you, you should consult the Monitoring Officer. Subject to their agreement, you may not need to include that interest on this form.

However, when the interest is no longer considered to be a "sensitive interest" you must notify the Monitoring Officer within 28 days of that change. The Chief Legal and Monitoring Officer can be contacted at the offices of South Lakeland House, Lowther Street, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 4DQ, or email monitoringofficer@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk

DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

These are interests specified in regulations made by the Secretary of State. They include your interests and those of your partner. (which means spouse or civil partner, a person with whom you are living as husband or wife, or a person with whom you are living as if you are civil partners) *However, when completing the form, you do not need to necessarily differentiate between which interests apply to you and/ or which apply to your partner.*

Words in italics give some explanation/ background about what is required. Definitions are provided at the back of the form.

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Please answer all questions, stating "None" where this is appropriate.

1. Details of any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.

Include all employment or business which you or your partner carry out, as well as any activity that generates income for you or them. Do not include your work you carry out in your role as a Town/ Parish Councillor.

This does not include unearned income e.g. from property or investments, but should include unpaid work. Give a short description of the activity concerned e.g. "window cleaner" or the job title e.g. "teacher".

Also, with regard to you or your partner, state the name of –

- any person who employs (has appointed) you/them;*
- any firm in which you/they are a partner;*
- any company for which you/ they are a remunerated Director.*

I work on a part-time basis (80% FTE) as a Research & Technology Fellow for Orbia Fluor & Energy Materials based in Ince, Chester. This is my only source of paid income.

My wife is a retired teacher and lecturer and is in receipt of occupational pension relating to those positions. She is a freelance artist but has no predictable source of income from this as she only exhibits art for sale on a periodic basis.

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2. Sponsorship - Details of any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the relevant authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by M in carrying out duties as a member, or towards the election expenses of M. (This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

Please state the amount and name of any person(s) or body who has/ have made a payment in respect of your election or made a contribution towards expenses incurred by you in carrying out your duties within the last twelve months.

I have not been sponsored to become a parish councillor.

3. Contracts - Details of any contract which is made between the relevant person (or a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest) and the relevant authority -

(a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and

(b) which has not been fully discharged.

Give a description of any contract which currently exists for goods, services or works made between the Council and -

- You or your partner ;
- A firm in which you or your partner are a partner;
- A company of which you or your partner are a remunerated director; or
- A body specified in question 7 below.

None

4. Land - Details of any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the relevant authority.

Give the address, or a brief description, of any land (including buildings or parts of buildings) in the Town/ Parish area in which you or your partner have a beneficial interest (i.e. where you or they have some proprietary interest for your/ their own benefit). This will also include your or your partner's home whether the interest is as owner, lessee or tenants, including Council tenancies. Also include details of any property which you or your partner receive rent for, or where you or they are a mortgagee.

This includes properties within your Parish/Town Council's area where you currently reside, whether as owner, lessee, tenant, or any other means. If you qualify to represent the Council under a means which is not owning land within the Council's area, please state that (e.g. "Live outside of Parish Boundaries, but within 3 miles.")

My wife and I jointly own the property [REDACTED] located in Beetham village.

5. Licences - Details of any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the relevant authority for a month or longer.

Give the address, or a brief description, of any land (including buildings or parts of buildings) in the Town/ Parish area which you or your partner neither own, nor have a tenancy for, but have a right to occupy for a period of 28 days or longer

None

6. Corporate Tenancies - Details of any tenancy where (to M's knowledge) –

(a) The landlord is the relevant authority; and

(b) The tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.

List any tenancies of property where you are aware that the landlord is the Town/ Parish Council and where the tenant is either

- *Yourself or your partner,*
- *a firm in which you or your partner are a partner, or*
- *a company where you or your partner are a Director.*

None

7. Securities - Details of any beneficial interest in securities of a body where

(a) That body (to M's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the relevant authority; and

(b) Either –

- (i) The total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or**
- (ii) If that 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.**

State any corporate body that has a place of business or land in the Town/ Parish area and in whom you or your partner have a beneficial interest in a class of securities of that person or body that exceeds the nominal share value of £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital (whichever is the lower).

None

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Other Registrable Interests

These interests relate to you alone (not your partner) and are those interests which the Council has determined should be entered in the authority's Register of Interest.

8. Details of any unpaid Directorships;

None

9. Membership of Organisations – I am a member of, or I am in a position of general control or management in –

(a) The following body/ bodies to which I have been appointed by the Council -

None

(b) The following body/ bodies which exercise functions of a public nature (e.g. school governing body or another Council)

None

(c) The following body/ bodies which are directed to charitable purposes (e.g. a Masonic Lodge)

Playing member of Helensburgh Clan Colquhoun Pipe Band (Scotland), which is a charitable body dedicated to preservation of Highland music and culture
Paid member of Chester Zoo

(d) The following body/ bodies whose principal purposes include the influence of public opinion or policy. (This includes political parties and Trade unions)

I am a member of the Institution of Chemical Engineers, which amongst other functions as a professional body aims to influence public policy in areas relevant to the chemical, energy and pharmaceutical industries.

Gifts and Hospitality

Give details of any persons from who you have been offered or received, in your capacity as a member/co-opted member) a gift or hospitality with an estimated value of at least £50.

<i>Details of gift/ hospitality offered/ received</i>	<i>Accepted? Yes/No</i>	<i>Estimated value of the gift/ hospitality</i>	<i>Name, address and business address (if applicable) of the person who offered the gift/ hospitality</i>	<i>Date of offer/ receipt of gift/ hospitality (whichever is the earlier)</i>
None				

Signed 

Date 19/01/2026

RECEIPT BY MONITORING OFFICER

Date receipt stamp -	Signature of Monitoring Officer/ Deputy Monitoring Officer -
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Definitions

In accordance with the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 -

"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;

"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;

"M" means a member of a relevant authority;

"member" includes a co-opted member;

"relevant authority" means the authority of which M is a member;

"relevant period" means the period of 12 months ending with the day on which M gives a notification for the purposes of section 30(1) or section 31(7), as the case may be, of the Act;

"relevant person" means M or any other person referred to in section 30(3)(b) of the Act;

"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.