



# Onchan District Commissioners

**Aim:** To place duty on Members of Onchan District Commissioners to identify interests which should be registered as required under the Local Government Act 1985.

## **Register of Members Interests**

### **Rules**

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# Onchan District Commissioners Register of Members' Interests



## 1. Purpose

The purpose of these Rules is to place a duty on Members of Onchan District Commissioners to identify interests which should be registered in order to inform the Board and the public of any circumstances arising from them which could reasonably be regarded as bearing upon the way in which any Member may carry out his/her duties.

## 2. Definitions

In these Rules the following definitions apply –

**“Member”** means an elected member of Onchan District Commissioners

**“private sources”** means any source which is not paid for from public funds;

**“relevant interest”** has the meaning given to it in Rule 4(2).

## 3. The Register

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1985 13(2) the Chief Executive/Clerk shall establish and maintain a book of Members' Interests and such Register to be kept in their office.

The Register shall contain one section for each Member and be divided into subsections corresponding to the categories of relevant interests established in Rule 4(2).

## 4. Interests to be registered

(1) The relevant interests of Members shall be entered in the Register as provided in Rules 6 to 9.

(2) A relevant interest for the purpose of these Rules is any pecuniary interest direct or indirect within the meaning of Sections 11 and 12 of the Local Government Act 1985, (other than an indirect interest described in subsection 14 (4) – (6) thereof), in any contract, proposed contract, or other matter, and includes in particular:

- (i) A legal or equitable interest in any of the following –
- (a) Land or buildings, except the Member's principal private residence;
  - (b) Shares or stock held in any company whose shares or stock are publicly quoted on a stock exchange in the United Kingdom or Ireland;
  - (c) Shares or stock held in any company other than one within (b) above; where any asset to which such a company may be entitled is or represents a right, interest or circumstance which is itself a relevant interest, details of that asset and of its value shall be declared;
  - (d) A legal right, including a deposit or loan of money or money's worth, of more than £50,000 in value save where the reason for which the right in question has come into existence is of an immediate family or personal nature (including inheritance), it has not been created with a view to profit and any interest earned is at normal commercial rates.
- (ii) A directorship, consultancy, proprietorial or managerial role whether paid or not in, or in relation to, any business or professional undertaking (other than one wholly supported by public funds);
- (iii) Sponsorship in money or money's worth from a trade union, professional society, political grouping or party, registered charity, person or persons other than the Member's immediate family, or from a cultural or religious source, or a consultancy with any of the foregoing whether paid or not;
- (iv) Gifts and benefits in kind from private sources of more than a total of £1,000 in value in any calendar year, or in any individual case of more than £50 in value, with the name and address of the donor, and the capacity in which the gift or benefit has been given, but excluding:
- (a) All inheritances;
  - (b) Gifts or benefits received from the Member's immediate family; and
  - (c) Attendance at functions in the course of the Authority's official duties;

- (v) The authorship of a book, pamphlet or the like, or of an article or column in a newspaper or journal or on the Internet, which does not appear under the Member's name;
- (vi) Membership of any trade union, professional society, political grouping or party, or of the Freemasons.

**5. When and how a relevant interest must be registered**

- (a) A relevant interest becomes registrable when it is acquired, or comes into existence.
- (b) A Member having a registrable relevant interest must register it, unless there is good reason to the contrary, either within one month of the date on which it becomes registrable, or before any material debate at a Board Meeting if that is sooner.

**6. Registering an Interest**

- (a) A relevant interest shall be registered by the Member giving to the Chief Executive/Clerk a notification in Form A annexed to these Rules.
- (b) The Chief Executive/Clerk shall initial and date such a notification and shall cause it to be entered in the Register as soon as possible.
- (c) A Member who has registered a relevant interest shall, if it ceases to be a relevant interest, so notify the Chief Executive/Clerk.

**7. Inspection of the Register**

The printed copy of the Register referred to in Rule 2 shall be available for inspection by any Member of the Authority at the offices of Onchan District Commissioners during normal working hours.

**8. Commencement**

These Rules shall come into effect on .....

## FORM A – REGISTER OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

| NAME OF MEMBER:  | DETAILS:<br>(Rule 5) |
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| (i)(a) Land, buildings etc.                                      |                      |
| (i)(b) Quoted companies  |                      |
| (i)(c) Unquoted companies and company assets themselves relevant |                      |
| (i)(d) Legal rights of more than £50,000 in value                |                      |
| (ii) Directorships etc   |                      |
| (iii) Sponsorships and consultancies                             |                      |
| (iv) Gifts and benefits in kind from private sources             |                      |
| (v) Authorships  |                      |
| (vi) Memberships   |                      |