



**Ards and
North Down**
Borough Council

**NORTHERN IRELAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COUNCILLORS**

**ARDS AND NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
PERIOD BEGINNING 21 MAY 2023**

**DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' PERSONAL INTERESTS,
RELEVANT FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS, GIFTS AND
HOSPITALITY, DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS
AND PRIVATE OR PERSONAL NON-PECUNIARY
INTERESTS**

COUNCILLOR NAME: JAMES COCHRANE

ADDRESS: 38 STRATFORD ROAD, BANGOR
BT19 6ZN

DATE ELECTED OR APPOINTED TO OFFICE (IF THAT IS LATER):

19/05/2023

I JAMES COCHRANE

(PLEASE PRINT NAME)

hereby undertake to abide by each and all of the provisions of The Northern Ireland Local Government Code of Conduct for Councillors issued by the Department of the Environment on 27 May 2014.

I acknowledge receipt of The Northern Ireland Local Government Code of Conduct for Councillors and the Declaration of Interest form.

Signed: 

Date: 23/05/2023

Attachments

1. The Northern Ireland Local Government Code of Conduct for Councillors
2. Declaration of Interest form – to be returned to the Chief Executive of Ards and North Down Borough Council as soon as possible.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FORM

DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

Please refer to Paragraph 5.2 et seq. of The Northern Ireland Local Government Code of Conduct for Councillors

1.	EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS	<i>Code Paragraph 5.2 Parts a & b</i>
<p>Include details of any employment or business carried on by you. Please record: the name of any person who employs or has appointed you; the name of any firm in which you are a partner; or the name of any company for which you are a remunerated or non-remunerated director.</p>		
Date		
<p>JANUARY 22 - PRESENT</p> <p>AUGUST 22 - PRESENT</p>	<p>POLICY + COMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANT DEMOCRATIC UNIONIST PARTY</p> <p>CONSTITUENCY ASSISTANT STEPHEN DUNNE MLA</p>	

2.	SPONSORSHIP	<i>Code Paragraph 5.2 Part c</i>
<p>Declare the name of any person, other than Ards and North Down Borough Council, who has made a payment to you in respect of your election or any expenses incurred by you in carrying out your duties as a Councillor.</p>		
Date		
	<p>N/A</p>	

3.	SECURITIES IN CORPORATE BODIES	Code Paragraph 5.2 Part d
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List any corporate body which has a place of business or land within the Ards and North Down Borough, and in which you have a beneficial interest in a class of securities of that body that exceeds the nominal value of £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body.

Date	
	N/A

4.	CONTRACTS WITH THE COUNCIL	Code Paragraph 5.2 Part e
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Include any contract for goods, services or works, made between Ards and North Down Borough Council and you, or a firm in which you are a partner, an unincorporated body (i.e. Industrial & Provident Society), a company of which you are a remunerated director, or a body of the description specified at Section 3 above.

Date	
	N/A

5. LAND IN THE AREA OF ARDS AND NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL	Code Paragraph 5.2 Parts f & g
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List here any land in which you have a beneficial interest and which is within the Ards and North Down Borough. Include any land where the landlord is Ards and North Down Borough Council and the tenant is: a firm in which you are a partner; a company of which you are a remunerated director; or a body of the description specified earlier at Section 3.

Date	
	N/A

6. REPRESENTATION ON OTHER BODIES	Code Paragraph 5.2 Part h
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Include here any bodies to which you have been elected, appointed or nominated by Ards and North Down Borough Council.

Date	
	N/A

7.	INTERESTS IN SOCIETIES, CHARITIES AND OTHER BODIES	Code Paragraph 5.2 Part i
<p>Include here details of your membership, or your position of general control or management, in any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • public authority or body exercising functions of a public nature; • company, industrial and provident society, charity, or body directed to charitable purposes; • body whose principal purposes include the influence of public opinion or policy; • trade union or professional association; or • private club, society or association operating within the Ards and North Down Borough. 		
Date		
JAN 2017 - PRESENT	MEMBER OF DEMOCRATIC UNIONIST PARTY	
MAR 2017 - PRESENT	MEMBER OF LOL 726 (ORANGE ORDER)	
SEP 2017 - PRESENT	MEMBER OF BANGOR BROWNING CLUB (APPRENTICE BOYS OF DERRY)	
JUN 2018 - PRESENT	MEMBER OF RBP 542 (ROYAL BLACK INSTITUTION)	
DEC 2022 - PRESENT	MEMBER OF BANGOR FREE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	

8.	LICENCE TO OCCUPY LAND	Code Paragraph 5.2 Part j
<p>Include here any land within the Ards and North Down Borough in which you have a licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy for 28 days or longer.</p>		
Date		
	N/A	

9. RELEVANT FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS	Code Paragraph 6.10
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Section 30 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 requires you to disclose to the Council, in writing, any relevant family relationship, as set out in paragraph (6) of that section, known to exist between you and any person you know who either holds, or is a candidate for appointment to, any office in the Council.

For the purposes of this section, a relevant family relationship shall be deemed to exist between a Councillor and an officer or candidate if they are husband and wife [or civil partners] or if the officer or candidate, or the husband or wife [or civil partner] of the officer or candidate, is the:

- (a) parent;
- (b) grandparent;
- (c) grandson or granddaughter;
- (d) son or daughter;
- (e) brother or sister;
- (f) uncle or aunt, or
- (g) nephew or niece of the Councillor or of the husband or wife [or civil partner] of the Councillor.

Date	
	N/A

DECLARATION OF GIFTS & HOSPITALITY

Please refer to Paragraph 4.20 of The Northern Ireland Local Government Code of Conduct for Councillors

GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY	<i>Code Paragraph 4.20</i>
<p>In accordance with The Northern Ireland Local Government Code of Conduct for Councillors and in accordance with any standing orders of Ards and North Down Borough Council, list here the existence and nature of any gifts, hospitality, material benefits or services for yourself or any person (which is above £20) which might place you, or reasonably appear to place you, under an improper obligation.</p>	
Date	N/A

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY & PRIVATE OR PERSONAL
NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Please refer to Paragraph 6.1 et seq. of The Northern Ireland Local Government
Code of Conduct for Councillors

PECUNIARY & PRIVATE OR PERSONAL NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS		<i>Code Paragraph 6.1 et seq.</i>
Meeting Date	Name of Committee Meeting	Interest Declared
		N/A