



**Ards and
North Down**
Borough Council

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

**ARDS AND NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
PERIOD BEGINNING 7 MAY 2019**

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

COUNCILLOR NAME: Stephen McIlveen

ADDRESS: 15 Blackwood Park, Newtownards BT23 4YW

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

I _____ Stephen McIlveen _____

(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: _____ Stephen McIlveen _____

Date: _____ 27 September 2021 _____

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.*

For the period 28 May 2019 to 21 April 2020, a register of interest was not submitted and published within the required 28 day period. I have provided a detailed dated account of my interests to cover this period in my register.

On 2 March 2020, I took up employment as a property solicitor and should have updated my register of interests within 28 days of taking up that position. Due to issues surrounding the coronavirus pandemic and the requirement for my family to self-isolate, this was not done until 21 April 2020. During this period, I attended only one Planning Committee meeting on 3 March 2020. No application came before that committee which had any connection with that new position as a Solicitor.

No matter came before me during the period 3 March 2020 to 21 April 2020 came before the Planning Committee of which I was Chair or any committee or meeting of the Full Council which created a conflict of interest for me which should have been declared.

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		
1/6/2007 to 2/3/2020	Researcher for Michelle McIlveen MLA	
16/11/2020 to present		
15/3/2015 to 31/1/2020	Self-employed barrister	
3/3/2020 to 16/10/2020	Associate Partner at Worthingtons Solicitors 2 Court Street Newtownards	
23/9/2021 to present	Director of Equilex Consulting Limited	

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		
	None	

3.	SECURITIES IN CORPORATE BODIES	<i>Code Paragraph 5.2 Part d</i>
<p>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.</p>		
Date	Equilex Consulting Limited	
23/9/2021 to present		

4.	CONTRACTS WITH THE COUNCIL	<i>Code Paragraph 5.2 Part e</i>
<p>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.</p>		
Date	None	

5.	LAND IN THE AREA OF ARDS AND NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL	<i>Code Paragraph 5.2 Parts f & g</i>
<p>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.</p>		
Date		
since 1 May 2014	dwelling house at 15 Blackwood Park, Newtownards	

6.	REPRESENTATION ON OTHER BODIES	<i>Code Paragraph 5.2 Part h</i>
<p>Include here any bodies to which you have been elected, appointed or nominated by Ards and North Down Borough Council.</p>		
Date		
	None	

7.	INTERESTS IN SOCIETIES, CHARITIES AND OTHER BODIES	<i>Code Paragraph 5.2 Part i</i>
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Include here details of your **membership, or your position of general control or management**, in any of the following:

- 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	
1 April 2014 to 28 February 2020	Member of the board and non-executive director of Victims and Survivors (NI) Limited
1 April 2014 to 28 February 2020	Member of board of Northern Ireland Libraries Authority (Libraries NI)
March 2015 to February 2020	Member of the Bar of Northern Ireland
May 2007 to present	Member of the Democratic Unionist Party
February 2020 to present	Member of the Law Society of Northern Ireland
July 2015 to present	Member of the Orange Order (District 4 Newtownards)
July 2019 to present	Member of the Royal Black Preceptory (Newtownards)
1 May 2020 to present	Licentiate member of the Royal Town Planning Institute

8.	LICENCE TO OCCUPY LAND	<i>Code Paragraph 5.2 Part j</i>
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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.

Date	

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9.	RELEVANT FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS	<i>Code Paragraph 6.10</i>
	<p>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.</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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	
		None

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	None

**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

Ards and North Down Borough Council is required to collect this information to meet its obligations under the LG Act 2014. Your information will be placed on the Council's website and will be publically accessible for the duration of the Council term. You have a right to see and review the information held on you. If you wish to request your personal information or have a data protection query, please put your request in writing to: Data Protection Officer, Ards and North Down Borough Council, Town Hall, The Castle, Bangor, BT20 4BT, Email: dataprotection@ardsandnorth-down.gov.uk Tel: 0330 013 3333. If you are not satisfied with how the Council has handled this matter, you may refer it to the Information Commissioner's Office at 02890278757 or email ni@ico.org.uk.