November 17, 2026

Northern Ireland Local Government Code of Conduct for Councillors

Ards and North Down Borough Council Period Beginning 21st May 2026

Declaration of Members' personal interests, relevant family relationships, gifts and hospitality, disclosable pecuniary interests and private or personal non-pecuniary interests.

Purpose of the Register
The defining purpose of the Register is to provide information of any interest, pecuniary or otherwise, or any other benefit which a Member receives, which might reasonably be thought by others to influence his or her actions.

Form of the Register
Details recorded within the Register should give a clear description of the nature and scope of the interests declared. Each Member is however, ultimately responsible for his or her own entry.

It is also the responsibility of individual members to notify changes in their registered interests within one calendar month of the change occurring.

This register will be retained by Democratic Services and available for Departmental and Audit Inspection.

Member Details

Name	Sophia Armstrong
Email	SophiaArmstrong1@icloud.com
Address	19a Upper Ballygelagh Road, Ardkeen Kircubbin, Down, BT221JH
Date Elected or Appointed to Office	November 9, 2026

I 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.

Signature



Section 1 - Employment or Business

Code Paragraph 5.2 Parts a & b

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 renumerated or non-renumerated director

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Name of Business or Employment Kellie Armstrong MLA constituency office

Date From June 4, 2024

Date To

Details

I have worked in a number of positions in this employment

I started as in intern from June 2024- August 2024

I worked as a communications and constituency officer from August 2024 - May 2026

I worked as a research and policy officer from May 2026 - Nov 2026 as maternity cover

I now currently work as a research and constituency officer from Nov 2026 - present

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Name of Business or Employment

Date From

Date To

Details

Additional Space

Section 2 - Sponsorship

Code Paragraph 5.2 Part c

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.

I have nothing to declare.

Name

Date From

Date To

Details

Name

Date From

Date To

Details

Additional Space

Section 3 - Securities in Corporate Bodies

Code Paragraph 5.2 Part d

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 issues share capital of that body.

I have nothing to declare.

Name

Date From

Date To

Details

Name

Date From

Date To

Details

Additional Space

Section 4 - Contracts with the Council

Code Paragraph 5.2 Part e

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 renumerated director, or a body of the description specified in Section 3.

I have nothing to declare.

Name

Contract Type

Date From

Date To

Details

Name

Contract Type

Date From

Date To

Details

Additional Space

Section 5 - Land in the area of Ards and North Down Borough Council

Code Paragraph 5.2 Parts f & g

List here any land in which you have 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 renumerated director; or a body of the description specified earlier in Section 3.

I have nothing to declare.

Land Address & Tenant

Date From

Date To

Details

Land Address & Tenant

Date From

Date To

Details

Additional Space

Section 6 - Representation on Other Bodies

Code Paragraph 5.2 Part h

Include here any bodies to which you have been elected, appointed or nominated by Ards and North Down Borough Council.

I have nothing to declare.

Name

Date From

Date To

Details

Name

Date From

Date To

Details

Additional Space

Section 7 - Interests in Societies, Charities and Other Bodies

Code Paragraph 5.2 Part i

Include here details of your membership, or your position of general control or management, in any of the following:

- Public authority or body exercising function 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.

Name Alliance Youth NI

Date From January 29, 2026

Date To

Details

Vice-Chair of Alliance Youth, the youth wing of the Alliance Party of Northern Ireland

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Name Alliance Party of Northern Ireland

Date From March 24, 2019

Date To

Details

Member of the Alliance Party of Northern Ireland

Additional Space

Section 8 - Licence to occupy land

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.

I have nothing to declare.

Name

Date To

Date From

Details

Name

Date To

Date From

Details

Additional Space

Section 9 - Relevant Family Relationships

Code Paragraph 6.10

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] of 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.

Relationship Parent

If other please state relationship

Name Kellie Armstrong

Post / Position Held MLA

Relationship

If other please state relationship

Name

Post / Position Held

Additional Space

Gifts & Hospitality

Code Paragraph 4.20

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 £50) which might place you, or reasonably appear to place you, under an inproper obligation.

I have nothing to declare.

Gift From

Date

Details of Gift

Gift From

Date

Details of Gift

Additional Space

Pecuniary & Private or Personal Non-Pecuniary Interests

Code Paragraph 6.1 et seq.

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

I have nothing to declare.

Meeting Date

Name of Committee Meeting

Interests Declared

Meeting Date

Name of Committee Meeting

Interests Declared

Additional Space