

Dear Councillors,

I wanted to inform you of an important upcoming change regarding the published register of interests. The English Devolution and Community Engagement Act 2026 inserts a new section 32A into the Localism Act 2011 which provides that, while details of all property in the area of their Authority in which a Councillor has an interest (including their usual residential address) must be disclosed to the myself as the Monitoring Officer, the register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests published by the Authority **must not** include the usual residential address of a Councillor **unless they specifically request that it is published**. As this is a significant task we will begin the process of removing councillors' home addresses from the published register immediately to ensure that this is completed before 29 June 2026. This amendment is designed to enhance privacy and security for all council members.

If you have any questions or concerns about this change, please feel free to contact me or Graham White. If you prefer that your home address continues to be published on the register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, please let us know.

Thanks

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Currently the Town Council displays councillor contact details on the public noticeboard outside the Town Hall and in the library in line with what each individual councillor has given permission to be displayed, as per the requirements of the GDPR.

Council is now asked that considering the changes to the Localism Act affecting the publishing of property details on declarations of interest, whether they want to follow a similar procedure and remove addresses from public contact lists displayed on the website and noticeboards in the town.