

Freedom of Information – Response – 2105

Request:

Follow on from FOI 2073:

I have a similar request to IBC...in the building across the road. They say 'commercial interests' are construed as being somewhat more than 'personal interests'.

Anticipating a similar response from yourself I am just wondering what wouldn't be an unrelated 'commercial interest' in Suffolk?

Response:

SCC does not use the term “commercial interests” in the context of Councillors’ outside interests as SCC’s internal guidance is based on the Standards for England Code of Conduct which uses the terms “personal and prejudicial interests.” Guidance to Councillors on the disclosure of such interests is contained in the Members Code of Conduct (part 9 of the Constitution) and further guidance is given to Councillors in completing the register of interests at <http://colin.suffolkcc.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/0D8A2B2D-99CA-4FBE-A241-D768588418D9/0/RMI3.doc>

The Register of Members’ Interests is available for public inspection at Endeavour House during office hours and copies are also available at the public libraries in Bury St Edmunds; Lowestoft; and Sudbury. In addition Some Councillors have requested that their entry in the Register (including any gifts and hospitality) should be published on the Council’s web site.

<http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/CouncilAndDemocracy/LocalDemocracy/CountyCouncillors/RegisterofMembersInterests.htm>