

Schedule – S.I. No. 29 of 2015

Part 1

Form A – Local Authority Members

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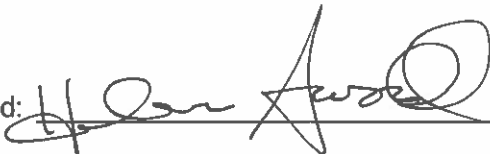
Council

Local Government Act 2001 - Part 15 - Annual Declaration

Name	HELEN FARRELL
Date of election or co-option	19.12.2024
Appropriate period [◇]	25.2.2025 - 03.02.2026

1. I hereby furnish the following particulars of my declarable interests as required by section 171 of the Local Government Act 2001 and which I have set out at paragraphs 1 to 10 of this form. None of the grounds for disqualification referred to in section 13, or 182 of the Local Government Act 2001 or under section 20 of the Local Elections (Disclosure of Donations and Expenditure) Act 1999 apply to me,
2. I hereby declare that I have read the Code of Conduct for Councillors and further declare that I understand its meaning, and
3. I hereby undertake to have regard to and be guided by the Code of Conduct for Councillors in the exercise of my functions. (The Code of Conduct for Councillors was issued by the Minister under section 169 of the Local Government Act 2001).

Signed:



Dated:

03/02/2026

[◇] **Appropriate Period**

Appropriate period means the period to be covered when giving particulars of declarable interests. For a first declaration this means the period of 12 months leading up to and including the day the form is signed by you. In relation to subsequent declarations it is the period between the date of your previous declaration and the date of the next declaration.

Part 2

Declarable Interests

In relation to each of the following declarable interests as specified in section 175 of the Local Government Act 2001, you should provide particulars of any such interests held by you (or your nominee as may be required) during the appropriate period. The amount or monetary value of any declarable interests need not be specified. Notes related to certain declarable interests are at the back of this form.

1. Profession, occupation, etc. relating to dealing in or developing land

Any profession, business or occupation in which you are engaged or employed, whether on your own behalf or otherwise, and which relates to dealing in or developing land during the appropriate period.

Description of profession, occupation etc. relating to land	Business Address
Nil	

2. Other profession, occupation, etc.

Any other remunerated trade, profession, employment, vocation, or other occupation held by you during the appropriate period.

Description of profession, occupation, etc.	Business Address
Nil	

3. Land (ownership, interest)

Any estate or interest you have in landⁱ in the State (including the case where you or your nominee, is a member of a companyⁱⁱ or other body which has an estate or interest in land) during the appropriate period and without prejudice to the foregoing an interest in land shall be deemed to include

- (a) your interest in any contract entered into by you for the purchase or sale of land, whether or not a deposit or part payment has been made under the contract; and
- (b) your interest in any option held by you to purchase or sell land, whether or not any consideration has been paid for it, or land in respect of which such an option has been exercised by you but which has not yet been conveyed to you,

but excluding an interest to which section 167(3) of the Act relatesⁱⁱⁱ.

Property Address	Purpose for which used
Nil	

4. Company business of dealing in land, etc.

Any business of dealing in or developing land^{iv} carried on during the appropriate period by a company or other body of which you, or any nominee of yours, is a member, if not declared elsewhere in this form.

Nil

5. Shares etc.

Any holding^v by you of shares in, or bonds or debentures of, or other like investments in, a particular company or other enterprise or undertaking (which does not relate to land or any business of dealing in or developing land) if the aggregate value of the holding exceeded €12,697.38 at any time during the appropriate period.

Name and address of Company where shares etc. are held	Nature of Business of Company etc.
Nil	

6. Directorships

Any directorship or shadow directorship^{vi} of any company held by you during the appropriate period other than one held by virtue of membership of or employment by a local authority.

Business Address of Company	Nature of Business
Nil	

7. Gifts, Property and Services

Gifts

- (1) Any gift, including foreign travel facilities, given to you during the appropriate period, but excluding
- (a) a gift given to you by a relative or friend of yours or of your spouse, or of your child or of a child of your spouse [spouse includes a person with whom you are co-habiting] for purely personal reasons only;
 - (b) a gift given to you, or gifts given to you by the same person, during the appropriate period, as respects which the value, or the aggregate value, of the property the subject of the gift or gifts did not exceed €634.87 at any time during the appropriate period;
 - (b) a donation which you have already declared in a current donation statement under the Local Elections (Disclosure of Donations and Expenditure) Act 1999.

Property and Services^{vii}

- (2) (a) Any property supplied or lent, or a service supplied to you, once or more than once by the same person, during the appropriate period, for a consideration or considerations, or at a price or prices less than the commercial consideration or considerations, or the commercial price or prices, by more than €634.87 or which in the aggregate exceeded €634.87; or
- (b) any property supplied or lent, or a service supplied to you, once or more than once by the same person, during the appropriate period, free of charge if the commercial consideration or considerations, or the commercial price or prices was, or were more than €634.87 or which in the aggregate exceeded €634.87; but for both (a) and (b) excluding
- (i) property supplied or lent or a service supplied to you by a relative or friend of yours, or of your spouse, where such supply or loan was in the nature of a gift to you and for personal reasons only,
 - (ii) a donation which you have already declared in a current donation statement under the Local Elections (Disclosure of Donations and Expenditure) Act 1999.

Description of Gift, Property and/or Service	Name and Address of Benefactor, Supplier and/or Lender
	Nil

8. Local Authority Contracts

Any contract to which you were a party, or were in any other way, directly or indirectly interested for the supply of goods or services to a local authority during the appropriate period, if the value of the goods or services supplied during the period exceeded €6,348.69 or, in case other goods or services were supplied under such a contract to a local authority during that period, if the aggregate of their value exceeded €6,348.69.

Name and Address of Contractor	Description of Contract	Local Authority Concerned
	Nil	

9. Political or public affairs/lobbyist etc.

Any remunerated position held by you as a political or public affairs lobbyist, consultant or adviser during the appropriate period.

Description of Position	Name and Address of Person / Company / Organisation
Nil	

10. Any Other Additional Interests

Any other interest which you may wish to volunteer.

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Appropriate Period

Appropriate period means the period to be covered when giving particulars of declarable interests. For a first declaration appropriate period means the period of 12 months leading up to and including the day the annual declaration form is signed by you. In relation to subsequent declarations it is the period between the date of your previous declaration and the date of the next declaration.

Non Declaration of Amount(s)

The amount or monetary value of any declarable interest need not be specified. (Section 171(5)) of the Act).

Land

ⁱ "land" includes all property including buildings, dwellings, etc.. All land interests in the State should be declared.

Company

ⁱⁱ Where any body which is a company within the meaning of section 155 of the Companies Act, 1963 is deemed under that section to be a subsidiary of another or to be another such company's holding company, a person who is a member of the first-mentioned such company is deemed also to be a member of the other company for the purposes of annual declaration. (Section 166(3) of the Act).

Non-declaration of certain land interests

ⁱⁱⁱ An interest in land or an interest relating to land or any business of dealing in or developing land does not have to be declared where such interest is by reason only of the beneficial ownership of shares in a company or other body by you or by your nominee and the total nominal value of those shares does not exceed the lesser of €12,697.38, or $\frac{1}{100}$ th part of the total nominal value of either the issued share capital of the company or body or, where that capital is issued in shares of more than one class, the issued share capital of the class or classes of shares in which you have an interest. Section 167(3) of Act refers.

Declarable Interest no. 4

^{iv} See note iii above.

Holding (shares etc.)

^v "holding" does not include money in a current, deposit or other similar account with a financial institution (see declarable interest no. 5).

Shadow Directorship

^{vi} "shadow directorship" means the position held by a person who is a shadow director for the purposes of the Companies Acts, 1963 to 1999. (see declarable interest no. 6).

Declarable Interest no. 7

^{vii} Insofar as services at (2) of declarable interest no. 7 relate to legal or medical services, it is only necessary to state that such services were supplied.

Appendix 2 to Circular LG 01/2026

Suggested Notice for issue by Ethics Registrar requiring submission of Annual Declaration by members

Part 15 of Local Government Act 2001

1. It is my duty in accordance with section 174 of the Local Government Act 2001 (the Act) to issue this notice informing you of your obligations under section 171 of the Act. This notice is being issued to all councillors and to all relevant staff.
2. Section 171 obliges you to prepare and furnish to the Ethics Registrar an annual written declaration containing particulars of your "declarable interests" within the meaning of section 175 of the Act. The prescribed annual declaration form is enclosed for your attention; it sets out the list of "declarable interests" required by the Act. The enclosed form should be completed and furnished to the Ethics Registrar no later than the **last day of February and failure to do so is an offence under the Act.**
3. The form is to be completed in respect of your declarable interests held during the period between the date of your previous declaration and the date of this declaration. Please remember to sign and **date** the form. (However if this is your first declaration, it needs to be completed in respect of your declarable interests held during the 12 month period prior to and including the date of your signing it.)
4. The onus is on each councillor to complete and furnish the annual declaration. If you do not have an interest to declare please enter 'nil' on the form, where appropriate. Members must also provide a statement that they are not subject to disqualification¹.
5. Your attention is drawn to the Code of Conduct for Councillors, which is attached, and to the requirement in section 169 of the Act that each member shall have regard to and be guided by the Code of Conduct in the exercise of his or her functions. The annual declaration form attached includes –

a declaration that you have read the Code of Conduct for Councillors and that you understand its meaning, and
an undertaking to have regard to and be guided by the Code of Conduct for Councillors in the exercise of your functions.

Signed:  Ethics Registrar. Dated: 04/02/2026

¹ [Section 13 of the Local Government Act 2001](#) as amended by the [Health Act 2004](#) and the [Child and Family Agency Act 2013](#) sets out the various disqualifications from local authority membership which apply. Among those disqualified are –

persons employed by local authorities, the Health Service Executive or the Child and Family Agency other than those designated by order under section 161(1)(b) of the Act (e.g. the [Local Government Act 2001 \(Section 161\) Order 2004 \(S.I. No. of 216/2004\)](#)), Gardaí, members of Defence Forces, civil servants, and those convicted of certain offences.

[Section 15 of the Act](#) provides that it is an offence for a person to act as a member of a local authority when disqualified.