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Dear Member Councils,

Following feedback from a number of councils regarding the publication and accessibility of Registers of Interests (ROIs), CALC has raised these concerns directly with Cornwall Council's Monitoring Officer service.

**Background**

As members will be aware, principal authorities are responsible for maintaining and publishing parish and town councillor Registers of Interests. Local councils are not required to maintain their own separate statutory repository and, in Cornwall, councils are generally expected to direct members of the public to Cornwall Council's published records.

Following the 2025 elections and subsequent refresh of declarations, a number of councils reported difficulties locating published forms, delays in publication, and concerns about the overall accessibility of the system. Some councils also reported receiving enquiries from members of the public who were unable to locate Registers of Interests without assistance.

Registers of Interests are an important transparency mechanism and help protect both individual councillors and councils by allowing the public to see what interests have been declared. If information is difficult to locate, appears incomplete or is not published promptly, it can create a perception that information is being withheld, even where this is not the case.

**CALC's Position**

CALC has made clear to Cornwall Council that our preferred approach remains:

- A single, authoritative repository maintained by Cornwall Council.
- Information that is easy for the public to find and search.
- Registers published promptly and consistently.
- One single email address to send ROIs to, with automatic confirmatory email responses outlining processing times
- No requirement for councils to duplicate the information on their own websites.

Some councils have chosen to publish copies of Registers of Interests on their own websites. Whilst understandable, CALC has advised caution with this approach because it creates duplication, increases the risk of different versions being available in different places, and results in personal data being unnecessarily replicated across multiple websites. NALC have also confirmed that the publishing of the documents on individual council websites is not required as part of the Local Council Award Scheme, but a clear link to the documents on the principal authority is.

**Cornwall Council's Response**

Cornwall Council has advised that:

- There is currently no backlog of ROI forms awaiting publication.
- The delays experienced earlier in the year resulted from an unexpected reset and resubmission exercise that occurred during the municipal year.
- The current arrangements will remain in place.

- Feedback from town and parish councils will be considered as part of wider discussions ahead of the next local elections.

### **Finding Your Council's Register of Interests**

Cornwall Council has confirmed that Registers of Interests can be accessed via the relevant Community Area Partnership page for your council area. Please ensure that you have one of the following links on your own websites, relating to the CAP in which your council sits:

#### **North Cornwall**

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/people-and-communities/community-area-partnerships/north-cornwall/north-cornwall-town-and-parish-council-information/>

#### **Tamar to Moor**

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/people-and-communities/community-area-partnerships/tamar-to-moor/tamar-to-moor-town-and-parish-council-information/>

#### **South Kerrier**

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/people-and-communities/community-area-partnerships/south-kerrier/south-kerrier-information/>

#### **South East Cornwall**

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/people-and-communities/community-area-partnerships/south-east-cornwall/south-east-cornwall-town-and-parish-council-information/>

#### **Saints Coast**

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/people-and-communities/community-area-partnerships/saints-coast/saints-coast-town-and-parish-council-information/>

#### **Roseland and Truro**

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/people-and-communities/community-area-partnerships/roseland-and-truro/roseland-and-truro-town-and-parish-council-information/>

#### **Penwith**

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/people-and-communities/community-area-partnerships/penwith/penwith-town-and-parish-council-information/>

#### **North Kerrier and East Penwith**

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/people-and-communities/community-area-partnerships/north-kerrier-east-penwith/north-kerrier-and-east-penwith-town-and-parish-council-information/>

#### **Falmouth and Penryn**

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/people-and-communities/community-area-partnerships/falmouth-and-penryn/falmouth-and-penryn-town-and-parish-council-information/>

#### **Cornwall South (Kemeneth Kernow Soth)**

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/people-and-communities/community-area-partnerships/cornwall-south-kemeneth-kernow-soth/cornwall-south-kemeneth-kernow-soth-town-and-parish-council-information/>

#### **China Clay Area and Luxulyan**

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/people-and-communities/community-area-partnerships/china-clay-area-and-luxulyan/china-clay-area-and-luxulyan-town-and-parish-council-information/>

#### **Camel Valley**

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/people-and-communities/community-area-partnerships/camel-valley/camel-valley-town-and-parish-council-information/>

### **Next Steps**

Whilst CALC welcomes Cornwall Council's willingness to consider feedback as part of future reviews, it is fair to say that no immediate changes to the current arrangements are proposed.

We have made clear that the concerns raised by councils are reasonable and relate directly to transparency, public confidence and ease of access to information. We remain of the view that a visible, responsive and easily searchable online repository benefits councillors, councils, Cornwall Council and the public alike.

CALC will continue to raise the issue constructively where opportunities arise and will keep members informed of any future developments.

Thank you to those councils that took the time to share their experiences and concerns. Your feedback enabled us to present a clear view of the sector's position.

Kind regards

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