

**Reasons for differences between the Standing Orders of DCs  
and the model text of DC Standing Orders**

	<b>District Council</b>	<b>Reasons for differences</b>
1	Eastern	Order 48(8), (12) and (14) have been modified so as to specify the role to be played by the vice-chairman of a committee in case the chairman of the committee has declared an interest. As the model text of the Standing Orders caters for the general situation applicable across 18 districts, it did not elaborate specifically on the role of the vice-chairman of a committee as it was not certain whether all committees would have a vice-chairman. The modification is in line with the requirement for a member without declared interest to handle the meeting proceedings.
2	Wong Tai Sin	<p>The following additional clause was included to put beyond doubt the requirement for declaration in the situation mentioned in the additional clause. This is to ensure transparency and accountability.</p> <p><i>If a member (including the Chairman) of the District Council or its committee is an executive member of a local organisation, he shall declare interest to the District Council or its committee before discussion on direct monetary benefit of the organisation considered by the District Council or its committee. (Order 48(7A))</i></p>
3	Kwai Tsing	While the model text states that “A member of the Council or its committees shall furnish the Secretary of the Council with <u>particulars of any change</u> in his or her registrable interests within 14 clear working days of any such change by using the registration form provided by the Secretary.”, Kwai Tsing DC’s version has required the member concerned to provide <i>particulars of his or her registrable interests within 14 clear working days of any change in such interests by using the registration form provided by the Secretary</i> . Kwai Tsing DC's requirement aims to provide convenience to readers, who will be able to grasp the full picture of

		<p>the registrable interest by reading the most recent registration form without having to trace the changes to previous forms.</p> <p><i>Kwai Tsing DC standing order 41(4)</i>  <i>A member of the Council or its committees shall furnish the Secretary of the Council with particulars of his or her registrable interests within 14 clear working days of any change in such interests by using the registration form provided by the Secretary.</i></p>
4	Sai Kung	<p>(a) While the model text requires members to furnish the Secretary of the Council with particulars of his or her registrable interests within one month from the commencement of each term, Sai Kung DC standing order has the same requirement and in addition requires their members to furnish such particulars within the first quarter of each year of the DC term (Order 48(1)).</p> <p>(b) Order 48(8), (12) and (14) have been modified so as to specify the role to be played by the vice-chairman of a committee in case the chairman of the committee has declared an interest.</p>
5	Sha Tin	<p>Minor modifications have been made to –</p> <p>(a) set out that the procedures for handling of declaration of interests in DC/committee meetings are also applicable to working group meetings (Order 48(7), (9), (10), (13), (16) and (18));</p> <p>(b) specify the role to be played by the vice-chairman of a committee in case the chairman of the committee has declared an interest (Order 48(8), (12), (14)); and</p> <p>(c) incorporate the related provisions set out in the Manual on the Use of District Council Funds on the management of conflict of interest (Order 49).</p>
6	Tai Po	<p>Order 35(3), 48(12) and (14) have been modified so as to specify the role to be played by the vice-chairman of a committee in case the chairman of the committee has declared an interest.</p>

7	Tsuen Wan	Order 48(8), (12) and (14) have been modified so as to specify the role to be played by the vice-chairman of a committee in case the chairman of the committee has declared an interest.
8	Yuen Long	Order 48(14) have been modified so as to specify the role to be played by the vice-chairman of a committee in case the chairman of the committee has declared an interest.