

## DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

**31 May 2023**

(To be completed as necessary by all board members and advisors)

**Name:** .....

Minute Ref / Item No	Nature of Interest

**COMPLETE THIS FORM IF YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN ANY PARTICULAR ITEM ON THIS AGENDA (SEE GUIDANCE OVERLEAF).**

**ANY COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD THEN BE HANDED IN TO LEE TEASDALE AT THE START OF THE MEETING**

## GUIDANCE ON DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (AS PER DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE)

1. Subject to point 3) below, members (and advisors) must declare any interests (on the form provided), either at the **start of the meeting or as soon as any potential interest in an agenda item becomes apparent** during the course of the meeting.
2. Members must declare their interest when the business being discussed specifically relates to
  - Their business
  - Any body of which they are a member
  - Any person or body who:-
    - Employs them
    - Makes payments to them
    - Has a contractual relationship with them
  - Any land or property in which they have an interest

This also applies to any close member of their family or person with whom they have a close relationship.

3. For the purposes of the above:
  - An interest of which a member has no knowledge and of which it is unreasonable to expect him or her to have knowledge shall not be treated as an interest of his or hers.
  - In relation to a non-pecuniary interest, a general notice given to the LEP that a member is to be regarded as having an interest, of the nature and the extent specified in the notice, in any transaction or arrangement in which a specified person or class of persons is interested shall be deemed to be a disclosure that the member has an interest in and such transaction of the nature and extent so specified.
4. Members (and advisors) with a declared interest in an item of business would usually be required to leave the room. **BUT** the board may want such an individual to contribute their knowledge and experience to the discussion despite the interest so declared. If this is the case the affected member can remain in the room - functioning as a resource that can be drawn upon to assist the board in their deliberations. The affected member should then withdraw when the decision on the matter is being taken and must withdraw at the decision-making stage if the member has a pecuniary interest unless otherwise determined by the Chair of the meeting. In the absence of the Chair or where an item of business relates to the Chair or an interest of the Chair, the meeting shall be chaired by a nominated Vice Chair if there is any or by a member selected by the meeting for that purpose.