

Report to Brownhills, Pelsall, Rushall/Sheffield Area Panel

Co-opted Members

30 September, 2013

1. Context

- 1.1 Area Panels were established by Council on 22 May, 2013 as part of a wider report on 'Devolution Through Area Partnerships'. Functions of the Area Panels together with details regarding membership were also approved
- 1.2 Paragraph 5.1 of the devolution report clearly sets out that there is a provision to identify co-opted members, subject to agreement by Council.
- 1.3 Several requests have been received from the following individuals wishing to become co-opted members:-

• Mr Francis Hodgkinson	• Mrs Janet Davies
• Mr Simeou Mayou	• Mr Gerald Bradley
• Mrs Dawn Munday	• Mr Douglas Birch MBE
• Mr Barry Poxon	• Mr Ron Carpenter

- 1.4 Members of the Panel are asked to note the requests as detailed in 1.3 above and identify which of these they wish to recommend to Council for appointment for the remainder of the 2013/14 municipal year.
- 1.5 Those individuals recommended to Council for appointment will be advised of the decision made within five working days of the Council meeting taking place. If appointed each individual will be required to complete a Notification of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Form (attached as appendix 1).

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That Members identify which of the following requests should be recommended to Council for appointment for the remainder of the 2013/14 municipal year;

• Mr Francis Hodgkinson	• Mrs Janet Davies
• Mr Simeou Mayou	• Mr Gerald Bradley
• Mrs Dawn Munday	• Mr Douglas Birch MBE
• Mr Barry Poxon	• Mr Ron Carpenter

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Notification of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

NAME

A member of

WALSALL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Important notes

- (1) The requirement to notify the Monitoring Officer of a disclosable pecuniary interest applies not only to your own interests but also those of your husband/wife/civil partner, or a person with whom you are living as husband/wife or as if you are civil partners, where you are aware that the other person has the interest.

The term “relevant person” therefore means you and any other person referred to above.

- (2) Details of your notified interests will appear in the members’ register of interests and will be published on the Council’s website, and open to public inspection.
- (3) If you consider that the disclosure of the details of any of your interests could lead to you, or a person connected with you, being subject to violence or intimidation, and you would like to withhold these details from the register of interests, please provide this information to the Monitoring Officer and explain your concerns regarding the disclosure of the sensitive information, including why it is likely to create such a risk. If the Monitoring Officer agrees, the information will not be included in copies of the register made available for inspection, or any published version of the register.
- (4) Please state “none” where appropriate.

Further explanatory notes are included at the end of this notification.

Part A: Employment

Any employment, office, trade profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain:

You	Husband/wife/civil partner or a person with whom you are living as husband/wife or as if you are civil partners

Part B: Sponsorship

Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit other than Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council made or provided within the relevant period* in respect of expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards the election expenses of yourself. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

* "relevant period " means the period of 12 months ending with the day on which you gave a notification for the purposes of Section 30(1) or Section 31(7), as the case may be, of the Localism Act 2011.

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Part C: Outside bodies

Details of any body of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management and to which you are appointed or nominated by the Council.

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Part D: Contracts

Any contract which is made between the relevant person (or a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest*) and Walsall Council:

- (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and
- (b) which has not been fully discharged.

* "body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest" means a firm in which the relevant person is a partner or a body corporate of which the relevant person is a director, or in the securities of which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.

"director" includes a member of the committee of management of an industrial and provident society.

You	Husband/wife/civil partner or a person with whom you are living as husband/wife or as if you are civil partners

Part E: Land

Any beneficial interest in land* which is within the area of Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council.

* "land" excludes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not carry with it a right for the relevant person (alone or jointly with another) to occupy the land or to receive income.

You	Husband/wife/civil partner or a person with whom you are living as husband/wife or as if you are civil partners

Part F: Licences

Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land* in the area of the relevant authority for a month or longer.

*"land" excludes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not carry with it a right for the relevant person (alone or jointly with another) to occupy the land or to receive income.

You	Husband/wife/civil partner or a person with whom you are living as husband/wife or as if you are civil partners

Part G Corporate tenancies

Any tenancy where, to your knowledge:

- (a) the tenant is Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council; and
- (b) the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.

* "body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest" means a firm in which the relevant person is a partner or a body corporate of which the relevant person is a director, or in the securities of which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.

"director" includes a member of the committee of management of an industrial and provident society.

"securities" means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description other than money deposited with a building society.

You	Husband/wife/civil partner or a person with whom you are living as husband/wife or as if you are civil partners

Part H: Securities

Any beneficial interest in securities* of a body where:

- (a) that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council; and
- (b) either:
 - (i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 (face value) or one hundredth (1/100th) of the total issued share capital of that body; or
 - (ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

* "securities" means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description, other than money deposited with a building society.

You	Husband/wife/civil partner or a person with whom you are living as husband/wife or as if you are civil partners

Part I: Declarations

Important: It is a criminal offence to fail to notify the Monitoring Officer of any disclosable pecuniary interest (DPIs). This requirement arises in each of the following circumstances:

- (a) before the end of 28 days beginning with the day on which you become a member or co-opted member of the authority (s30(1) Localism Act 2011);

- (b) where the DPI is not entered in the authority's register and is not the subject of a pending notification, but is disclosed at a meeting of the authority (or any committee, sub-committee, joint committee or joint sub-committee) as required by s31(2) of the Localism Act, within 28 days beginning with the date of the disclosure (s31(3) Localism Act 2011);
- (c) where the DPI is not entered in the authority's register and is not the subject of a pending notification, with 28 days beginning with the date when you become aware that you have a DPI in any matter to be dealt with, or being dealt with, by you acting alone in the course of discharging of a function of the authority (s31(7) Localism Act 2011).

It is also a criminal offence to knowingly provide information that is false or misleading (or being reckless as to whether the information is true and not misleading).

In addition to the above, the Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council has adopted a Code of Conduct for members which requires you to notify the Monitoring Officer of any DPIs before the end of 28 days beginning with the day on which the code takes effect. Failure to comply with this requirement would not in itself be a criminal offence, but could render you liable to action being taken against you under the Code.

To the best of my knowledge, the information given in this form is complete and correct.

Name:	Signed:
	Date:

This form is to be returned direct to the Monitoring Officer.

This declaration has been registered by me:	
Monitoring Officer	Date:

Explanatory notes:

1. **Employment:** - detail:
 - (a) the nature of every employment, business, office trade, profession or vocation that you or your husband/wife/civil partner have, with a short description of the job concerned;
 - (b) the name and address of the employer;
 - (c) if you or your husband/wife/civil partner or a person with whom you are living as husband/wife or as if you are civil partners, are employed by a company, the name and address of the company paying your or their wages or salary, not that of the ultimate holding company;
 - (d) the name and address of any company for which you or your husband/wife/civil partner with whom you are living as husband/wife or as if you are civil partners, are a paid director;
 - (e) the name and address of any firm in which you or your husband/wife/civil partner or a person with whom you are living as husband/wife or as if you are civil partners have, are a partner.
 - (f) where you or your husband/wife/civil partner or a person with whom you are living as husband/wife or as if you are civil partners hold an office, the name of the person or body which appointed you or your husband/wife/civil partner or a person with whom you are living as husband/wife or as if you are civil partners.

If you consider that disclosure of the details of any of your interests could lead to you, or a person connected with you, being subject to violence or intimidation (e.g. certain scientific research or the Special Forces), and you would like to withhold these details from the register of interests, please provide this information to the Monitoring Officer and explain your concerns regarding the disclosure of the sensitive information, including why it is likely to create such a risk. If the Monitoring Officer agrees, the information will not be included in copies of the register made available for inspection, or any published version of the register.

2. **Sponsorship:** Name of any person or body (other than the Council) who has made a payment to you in respect of your election or any expenses you have incurred in carrying out your duties as a member.
4. **Outside bodies:** Title of any outside body to which you have been appointed by the Council. Also include any governorships of schools or colleges.
4. **Contracts with Walsall Council:** Describe the subject matter and the length of all contracts (goods, services or works) which are not fully discharged:

- (a) between you or your husband/wife/civil partner or a person with whom you are living as husband/wife or as if you are civil partners, and the Council;
 - (b) between you and a firm in which you are a partner, or a company of which you are a paid director or a corporate body in which you have shares of a value described in paragraph 7 below;
 - (c) between your husband/wife/civil partner or a person with whom you are living as husband/wife or as if you are civil partners and a firm in which they are a partner, or a company of which they are a paid director or a corporate body in which they have shares of a value described in paragraph 7 below.
5. **Land:** The address or a brief description of the property (e.g. houses, land and buildings) in the area of Walsall, which you or your husband/wife/civil partner or a person with whom you are living as husband/wife or as if you are civil partners, own, lease or rent (other than leases or tenancies with the Council).
6. **Licences:** The address or a description of the property (e.g. houses, land and buildings) in the area of Walsall, which you or your husband/wife/civil partner or a person with whom you are living as husband/wife or as if you are civil partners, occupy under licence (alone or jointly with others), for a month or longer.
7. **Corporate tenancies:** The address or a brief description of the property where:
- (a) you, or a firm in which you are a partner, a company of which you are paid director or a person or a corporate body in which you have shares of a value described in paragraph 7 below, are lessees or tenants of the Council;
 - (b) your husband/wife/civil partner or a person with whom you are living as husband/wife or as if you are civil partners or a firm in which they are a partner, or a company of which they are a paid director or a corporate body in which they have shares of a value described in paragraph 7 below, are lessees or tenants of the Council.
8. **Securities:** Name the company or other body which to your knowledge has a place of business or land in the area of Walsall in which you or your husband/wife/civil partner or a person with whom you are living as husband/wife/civil partner have a shareholding of more than £25,000 (face value) or have a stake of more than 1/100th of the total issued share capital (whichever is the lower).