

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF BOARD MEMBER INTERESTS

FOR THE REPORTING YEAR 2022-23

May 2023

PURPOSE OF THIS STATEMENT

This statement is published to promote transparent governance.

In line with our adopted Code of Governance (National Housing Federation, 2020) we have committed to publish this Interests Register to enable stakeholders to understand the connections and potential conflicts of loyalty (if any) of our Board.

POLICY ON CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

BCHA operates a Payments, Benefits and Interests Policy applicable to all Board members which may be found on the BCHA Website or is available on request.

In summary, Board members have a legal duty to avoid placing their personal interests or loyalty to another organisation in conflict with the interests of the Organisation. A conflict of interest may arise indirectly by virtue of marriage, civil partnership, family or business relationship. Conflicts may be actual or perceived i.e. a third party may reasonably believe there is a conflict of interest in a situation even where this may not strictly be the case.

Where a conflict does occur, members must disclose this to the Chair and Company Secretary (or, in the case of the Chair, to the Vice Chair and Company Secretary) either at the start of a meeting (where it will be minuted) or at any other time. In any case, Board members will be asked to complete a form identifying any potential conflicts upon joining the Board and each year thereafter and any declared interests will be publicised for transparency.

Members who become conflicted, will withdraw from any discussion and decision (and cannot form part of the quorum) for any relevant agenda items as determined by the Chair or Company Secretary. Ongoing or significant conflicts may require the Board member to resign if it is not possible to resolve the situation.

Failure to disclose actual or potential conflicts may lead to removal from the Board under the Payments, Benefits & Interests policy or Code of Conduct for Board members.

Our subsidiary Boards also have signed up to this Policy and the wider Code of Governance that BCHA has adopted.

REGISTER OF INTERESTS FOR BOARD MEMBERS

This register is the position as at 1 May 2023.

Note:

- (1) the interests listed in the table below **do not include** ownership of property which board members may rent out privately, even though these may have been declared to us, unless these are significant property holdings in BCHA's area of operation.
- (2) Board members are expected to update declarations annually or as circumstances giving rise to possible conflicts of interest change.
- (3) Positive declarations may change at any time and whilst we will strive to ensure this published statement is kept up to date, we cannot guarantee its currency on a day to day basis.

Board Member	Date Latest Declaration Made	Nature of Declaration(s)
A Stevens	11.07.22	Former tenant of BCHA
A Khan	20.01.23	No interests declared
C Nicholson	02.02.23	Brother Board member Recoop Chair of APHA (arms length body of DEFRA) Committee Member Public Chairs Forum
G Moore	29.03.2023	No interests declared
A Nisar	29.03.2023	Employed by Red Kite Community Housing Board member TPAS; Academy Governor Thornden School, Hants
G Oliver	28.03.23	Board member English Rural Housing Association
A Parramore	28.03.2023	No interests declared
D Phillips	22.03.23	No interests declared
J Porter	16.01.23	No interests declared
J Rickard	28.03.23	Employed by Abri (Housing Association) Director/Trustee of BRE Trust
C Roberts	04.04.2023	No interests declared
M Wood	28.03.23	Works for Help & Care a local charity which may do some business with BCHA
Committee Co-optees		
Peter Edy	23.02.23	No interests declared
Ian White	22.01.23	No interests declared