



BARNSELY COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

POLICY ON REGISTER OF INTERESTS

1. Introduction

The College is committed to the highest standards of openness, integrity and accountability. It seeks to conduct its affairs in a responsible manner, having regard to the principles established by the Committee on Standards in Public Life. In addition, the College expects that governors will observe the principles and standards set out in the College Code of Conduct and the AoC Code of Good Governance.

2. General principles

Interests to be declared are any financial, business or personal interests which, when publicly known, would or could be perceived as likely to affect your judgement in relation to any aspect of the College's business. These should include but not be limited to:

Financial Interests

- i. Remunerated employment, office, profession or other activity
- ii. Directorship of a company
- iii. Shareholdings (greater than 5%) in a company
- iv. Partnership in a business or professional partnership
- v. Consultancies (whether or not remunerated)
- vi. Trusteeship of a Trust where you or your spouse/partner or a member of your family may be a beneficiary
- vii. Gifts or hospitality offered by outside bodies and arising from your position as a governor in excess of £20 in the last 12 months
- viii. Magistracy, tribunals etc.
- ix. All known financial interests with the College, such as provision of goods and services or remuneration for lectures or academic consultancies, awarding bodies, contractual relationship with the Corporation or any Company connected with the Corporation including joint ventures.

Governors/Trustees who are also appointed as a Director to a subsidiary of the College or as Company Secretary are also requested to disclose any interests and to state their relationship between College and subsidiary.

Personal Interests

- i. Membership of another public body, including:
 - Local Authorities
 - Health Authorities
 - NHS Trusts
 - Other charitable trusts
 - School, Academy or College Governing Bodies
 - Education & Skills Funding Agency, Office for Students etc.
- ii. Unremunerated posts, honorary positions and other positions that might give rise to a conflict of interest or of trust
- iii. Membership of closed organisations, special interest groups or mutual support organisations.

Individuals are responsible for declaring any relevant interests they may have in relation to their role and should consider other members of their family including partner, father, mother, brother, sister, child, stepchild or grandchild and step-father, mother, brother, sister, child.

Gifts and hospitality received / accepted must also be disclosed in accordance with Financial Regulations.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Register of Interests does not obviate the duty of Board, Committee or Subsidiary members to declare relevant interest at any meeting they may attend or when participating in other relevant College activities or business.

Where it is proposed that the Board should grant a member a financial interest (such as a contract for the supply of goods or services), The Board must observe the requirements of the Charities Act 2022. The Board may wish to take legal advice before granting any such interest to a member.

The Clerk will maintain a Register of Members' interest which will be open for public inspection. Members must disclose routinely all business interests, financial or otherwise, which they, or persons associated with them may have, and the Clerk will enter such interests on the Register. Members must give sufficient details to allow the nature of the interest to be understood by the enquirers. Members should inform the Clerk whenever their circumstances change and interest are acquired or lost. In deciding whether an interest should be disclosed, members should have regard to the meaning given above.

If an individual is in doubt about whether to declare an interest, they should seek guidance from the Director of Governance.