

West Yorkshire Combined Authority

Notification of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Interests

In accordance with Chapter 7 of Part 1 of the Localism Act 2011

Name of Member¹:	Jo Hepworth
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Relevant Authority²:	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
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Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

I give notification that I have the following disclosable pecuniary interests (including those of my spouse or partner³):

- 1. Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation** - any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.

My interest(s) / interests of my spouse or partner:
Elected member of Wakefield Council My employment - Hilary Benn Member of Parliament Partner – self employed

- 2. Sponsorship** - any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the Combined Authority) made or provided within the relevant period⁴ in respect of any expenses incurred by me in carrying out my duties as a member of the Combined Authority⁵.

My interest(s)
N/A

¹ This includes voting co-opted members of a committee appointed by the Combined Authority, including private sector representatives.

² As defined by the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 SI 2012/1464.

³ This includes a civil partner, a person with whom you are living as husband and wife, or a person with whom you are living as if you were civil partners.

⁴ "Relevant period" means the period of 12 months ending with the day on which you complete this notification.

⁵ This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

3. **Contracts** - Any contract which is made between me/my spouse or partner, or a body in which I /my spouse or partner has a beneficial interest,⁶ and the Combined Authority:

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

Brief details of contract	Date contract entered into
N/A	

4. **Land** – Any beneficial interest in land⁷ which is within the area of the Combined Authority (West Yorkshire).

My interest(s) / interest(s) of my spouse or partner
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5. **Licences** - Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the Combined Authority (West Yorkshire) for a month or longer.

My interest(s) / interests of my spouse or partner
N/A

⁶ This means a firm in which you or your spouse or partner is a partner, or a body corporate of which you or your spouse or partner is a director, or in the securities of which you or your spouse or partner has a beneficial interest. The definition of "director" includes a member of a committee of management of an industrial and provident society, and "securities" means share, 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.

⁷ "Land" excludes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not carry with it a right for you or your spouse or partner (alone or jointly with another) to occupy the land or to receive income.

6. Corporate tenancies - Any tenancy where (to my knowledge):

- (a) the landlord is the Combined Authority ; and
- (b) the tenant is a body in which I /my spouse or partner has a beneficial interest.

N/A

7. Securities - Any beneficial interest in securities⁸ of a body where:

- (a) that body (to my knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the Combined Authority; and
- (b) either –
 - (i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth 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 the class.

My interest(s) / Interest(s) of my spouse or partner

N/A

⁸ "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.

Other Registerable Interests

8. I give notification that I have the following Other Registerable Interests⁹ that I am required to register under the Members' Code of Conduct.

My interest(s)
<p>Trustee of The Altofts Community and Sports Foundation (One of the different organisations that make up the overall charity, the Altofts Cycling Club, has received a grant from WYCA to set up a cycling club in the Wakefield District. Although I do not have anything to do with the Cycling Club, I sit on the overarching Charity that hold the cycling club's accounts and, at the moment, the grant is ringfenced in the charity's accounts until the project begins).</p>

Non-registerable Significant Personal Interests

9. I give notification that I have the following Non-registerable Significant Personal Interests, which I am not required to register but which I choose to disclose under the Members Code of Conduct.

My interest(s)

⁹ That is, an interest in any business of the Combined Authority where it is likely to affect:

- any body of which you are in general control or management and to which you are nominated or appointed by the Combined Authority,
- any body,
 - exercising functions of a public nature,
 - directed to charitable purposes, or
 - one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union)of which you are a member or in general control or management.

Gifts and Hospitality

10. You are required to provide notification of any offers of gifts and hospitality (whether accepted or declined) which are made to you in your role as a Combined Authority Member.

The Combined Authority's Monitoring Officer maintains a central register of offers of gifts and hospitality. To declare an offer, you should contact governanceservices@westyorks-ca.gov.uk who will provide you with the relevant form and instructions on how to complete it and where to return it to.

I acknowledge that failure to register my disclosable pecuniary interests is a criminal offence.

I accept that it is my responsibility to notify the Combined Authority of any changes to the interests (or offers of gifts and hospitality) I have disclosed in this form.

Please tick the box to confirm that you accept and acknowledge the above ☒

Dispensation

See Annex 4 – Members' Code of Conduct

One of the categories of disclosable pecuniary interest is "Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain". An allowance you receive for an office held in any local authority gives rise to a disclosable pecuniary interest; this includes any office you hold in your own local authority, at WYCA, a district, parish or town council, or the fire and rescue authority. (For example: the basic allowance you receive as a member of your own Council is a disclosable pecuniary interest.)

To enable you to participate in any discussion and vote when you are present at a WYCA meeting, committee or sub-committee meeting and have a disclosable pecuniary interest in any matter to be considered at the meeting which is registered in WYCA's register of interests, you will require a dispensation. The dispensation will not apply in any circumstances in which you may stand to make a personal financial gain or loss from the matter.

Please indicate by ticking the appropriate box below if you wish to request a dispensation to enable this to be granted.

☒ **Yes**

☐ **No**

Signed: 

Date: 14th August 2023