

North East Local Enterprise Partnership: Register of Board Member and Independent Advisor Interests.

April 2023 to March 2024

As a Board Member or a co-opted Advisor on the North East Local Enterprise Partnership Board or subsidiary Board, I declare that I have the following disclosable pecuniary and/or non-pecuniary interests. *(Please state 'None' where appropriate, do not leave any boxes blank).*

NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES

Each Board Member shall review their individual register of interests before each board or sub-Board decision – making meeting, submitting any necessary revisions to the North East LEP Chief Executive and S73 Officer at the start of the meeting.

Even if a meeting has not taken place a Member must, within 28 days of becoming aware of any change to the interests specified below, provide written notification to the North East LEP Chief Executive and NTCA S73 Officer, of that change.

Notification by a member of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and “Other Registerable Personal Interests”

I, **Richard Watson Wearmouth**.....

a Member ~~Independent Advisor~~ of the North East Local Enterprise Partnership (North East LEP)

have the following **DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Please state “none” where appropriate

SPOUSE/PARTNER – In the notice below my spouse or partner means anyone who meets the definition in the [Localism Act](#), i.e. my spouse or civil partner, or a person with whom I am living as a spouse or a person with whom I am living as if we are civil partners, and I am aware that that person has the interest having carried out a reasonable level of investigation. Where your spouse or partner has recently been involved in any activity which would have been declarable, this should be mentioned, with the date the activity ended.

SECTION 1	ANY EMPLOYMENT, OFFICE, TRADE, PROFESSION OR VOCATION CARRIED ON FOR PROFIT OR GAIN	MYSELF	SPOUSE/PARTNER*
1.1	Name of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ your employer(s) ○ any business carried on by you ○ any other role in which you receive remuneration (this includes remunerated roles such as councilors). 	My only employment is by Northumberland County Council as deputy leader. I am a director of Wessex Solar Energy and all associated companies that develop ground mounted solar parks primarily in the south of the UK. I list companies associated with WSE as a standalone document appended to this form	
1.2	Description of employment or business activity.	See above	
1.3	The name of any firm in which you are a partner.	See above	

1.4	The name of any company for which you are a remunerated director.	See above	
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SECTION 2	SPONSORSHIP	MYSELF	SPOUSE/PARTNER
2.1	<p>Any financial benefit obtained (other than from the North East LEP) which is paid as a result of carrying out duties as a Member.</p> <p>This includes any payment or financial benefit from a Trade Union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (a).</p>	None	
SECTION 3	CONTRACTS	MYSELF	SPOUSE/PARTNER
	Any contract for goods, works or services with the North East LEP which has not been fully discharged by any organisation named at 1.1.	None	
	Any contract for goods, works or services entered into by any organisation named at 1.1 where either party is likely to have a commercial interest in the outcome of business being decided by the North East LEP.	None other than any commercial arrangements between the LEP and Northumberland County Council for which I would have no personal interest.	

SECTION 4	LAND OR PROPERTY	MYSELF	SPOUSE/PARTNER
	<p>Any interest you or any organisation listed at 1.1 may have in land or property which is likely to be affected by a decision made by the LEP.</p> <p>This would include, within the area of the North East LEP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Any interest in any land in the North East LEP areas, including your place(s) of residency ○ Any tenancy where the landlord is the North East LEP and the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has an interest ○ Any license for a month or longer to occupy land owned by the North East LEP. <p>For property interests, please state the first part of the postcode and the Local Authority where the property resides. If you own/lease more than one property in a single postcode area, please state this.</p>	<p>Personally owned property: Dial Cottage, Great Lime Road NE127DQ Greengates, NE128AE Barmoor Farm House, NE616LB (home of parents) Property I part own: Rose Cottage NE616LB In addition of course NCC own land and have contracts with the LEP for which I would have no personal interest other than my interest as deputy leader of the council</p>	
SECTION 5	SECURITIES	MYSELF	SPOUSE/PARTNER
5.1	<p>Any interest in securities of an organisation under 1.1 where:-</p> <p>(a) that body (to my knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the North East LEP; and</p>	<p>None of my businesses have any interaction with the LEP and never will.</p>	

	<p>(b) either –</p> <p>(i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or</p> <p>(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 has an interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.</p>		
SECTION 6	GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY	MYSELF	SPOUSE/PARTNER
	Any gifts and/or hospitality received as a result of membership of the LEP (above the value of £50).	None	

OTHER INTERESTS

Membership of Organisations

I am a member of, or I am in a position of general control, a trustee of, or participate in the management of:

1. Any body to which I have been appointed or nominated by the North East LEP:

None

2. Any body exercising functions of a public nature (eg school governing body or another LEP):

Cabinet Member North of Tyne CA, Stand in representative on the Joint Transport Authority, Stand in director for Northumberland County Council for Newcastle Airport

3. Any body directed to charitable purposes:

none

4. Any body, one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union):

Conservative Party, & South East Northumberland Rail Users Group

5. Any local authority (please state any interests you hold as LA leaders/cabinet members for LA land, resources and the LA's commercial interests):


Northumberland County Council, Morpeth Town Council, NCC appointment to the board of Greater Morpeth Development Trust, Blyth Town Board member, Ashington Town Board member, Alternative board member Newcastle Airport, Alternative member of the Joint Transport Committee Cabinet Member of the North of Tyne

6. Any other interest which I hold which might reasonably be likely to be perceived as affecting my conduct or influencing my actions in relation to my role.

None

MEMBER'S DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE

I confirm that having carried out reasonable investigation, the information given above is a true and accurate record of my relevant interests, given in good faith and to the best of my knowledge;

Date	7.6.23
Member's Name <i>(Capitals – in full)</i>	Richard Watson Wearmouth
Signature	

RECEIPT BY North East LEP

Date received by the North East LEP	
Signature of LEP Chief Executive	

RECEIPT BY S73 OFFICER

Date received by the S73 Officer	
Signature of S73 Officer	

With reference to section 1.1

Company Name	Role
WSE SWALLOWFIELD ROAD LIMITED (08524330)	Director
GREEN GATES N E LTD (09992584)	Director
WSE BLACKBERRY LANE LIMITED (08524245)	Director
WSE PEMBROKESHIRE LIMITED (12839453)	Director
WSE LODGE HILL LIMITED (12839441)	Director
WSE MALMESBURY ROAD LIMITED (12431314)	Director
WESSEX SOLAR MANAGEMENT LIMITED (12337049)	Director
WSE HADDON ROAD (12431147)	Director
WESSEX SOLAR POWER LIMITED (SC506626)	Director
WSE DALE ROAD LIMITED (09069531)	Director
WEARMOUTH ENERGY LIMITED (08554666)	Director
GAMMA UMBRA LIMITED (12933917)	Director
DELTA UMBRA LIMITED (12933887)	Director
AVON UMBRA LIMITED (12933737)	Director
BG UMBRA LIMITED (12933804)	Director
CANBA POWERVALE LIMITED (12933161)	Director
BREVA POEWRVALE LIMITED (12932783)	Director
AMBER POEWRVALE LIMITED (12887246)	Director
WSE LITTLE ALBANS LIMITED (13520282)	Director
WSE WALNUT RIDGE LIMITED (13517507)	Director
WSE HOLT LANE LIMITED (13471758)**	Director
WSE CASEWICK LANE LIMITED (13276192)	Director
WSE HADDON DIRECT LIMITED (13191473)	Director
WSE PARSLEY WOOD LIMITED (13692306)	Director
WSE HEATHER VALE LIMITED (13692495)	Director
WSE HORTON WOOD LIMITED (13263367)	Director
WESSEX SOLAR ENERGY RENEWABLES LTD (08645055)	Director

GUIDANCE NOTES

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

In the above descriptions, the following words have the following meanings –

“*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;

“*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;

“*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.

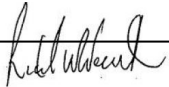
Other Registerable Personal Interests

1. If the North East LEP has appointed or nominated you as its official representative on any outside body or bodies please set out in this section the name(s) of any such body/ies.
 2. If you are a member, or you hold a position of general control or management, of any other public authority or body (for example, an NHS Foundation Trust or the fire authority for the area) details should be included in this section.
 3. If you are a member, or you hold a position of general control or management, of any charity or similar organisation, details should be included in this section.
- NB: it should be noted that the term ‘bodies with charitable purposes’ can include organisations which do not fall within the legal definition of a charity. For example, Rotary or Lions clubs or the Freemasons. If you have any queries as to whether you need to register an interest in this (or any other category), then please speak to one of the officers mentioned in the guidance notes at the end of this form.
4. If you are a member, or you hold a position of general control or management, of any organisation whose main purpose is to influence public opinion or policy (for example a lobbying or campaigning group, whether national or local), you should set out the name(s) here.
 5. If you are a member of a local authority, you should set out any interests you hold as a local authority leader or Cabinet member for local authority land, resources and the local authority’s commercial interests.

6. If you are a member of any other organisations which you feel may be perceived as a conflict of interest with your role as a North East LEP Board member, you should include the details in this section.

IF YOU REQUIRE ASSISTANCE TO COMPLETE THIS FORM, PLEASE CONTACT THE MONITORING OFFICER OF THE NE LEP ACCOUNTABLE BODY.

Note: This information is not currently open to public inspection but may be so in the future. It will form part of your entry in the Register of Interests.

Signed: -  _____

_____ Date: - 7.6.23