

Register of Interests

1. In May 2009 the Partnership agreed to establish an annual process of surveying the interests of members of the Partnership, and this has recently been undertaken (Section 9 of our Partnership Constitution is attached as Appendix A, for context).
2. By way of context, the purpose of this exercise is to make transparent any interests which members of the Partnership may have, which may be perceived to have a potential impact on decision-making, which are not already obvious, so the following can be disregarded for the purpose of the exercise:
 - (a) the primary employment or affiliation by virtue of which the person concerned is a member of the Partnership (i.e. Members and officers of Stockton Council do not have to declare an interest in respect of Stockton Council because it is obvious to other members of the Partnership); and
 - (b) the fact that one agency is represented on the Partnership undertakes joint working with another, e.g. Police and Probation with one another, does not create an 'interest' in the relevant sense, as this is a normal and understood section of partnership working. It would only become an interest if there was a more formal involvement, e.g. sitting on a Board of whichever organisation, or if payment were the reward.
3. It is also worth noting that Councillors (Members of Stockton Council) complete a register of interests, which is available for public inspection on the Council's website (www.stockton.gov.uk) by following the links 'standards and probity' and 'members interests and gifts and hospitality'.
4. The following associations / interests have been declared / identified as part of the recent exercise:
 - (a) Cllr Steve Nelson is a Director of Tristar Homes Limited
 - (b) Cllr Paul Kirton, as well as representing Cleveland Fire Authority on the Safer Stockton Partnership, is also a member of Cleveland Police Authority
 - (c) Geoff Lee is currently undertaking a paid short-term consultancy for Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, to prepare a Community Engagement Strategy
 - (d) Marilyn Davies sits on the board of Harbour in her capacity as Community Safety Manager for Stockton Council.