



ALEXANDRA PARK AND PALACE CHARITABLE TRUST BOARD

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Report Title: Register of Trustees Interests

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Purpose: The appendix to this report collates all declared personal interests of Trustees and identifies any conflicts that may arise. New/ changes to declared interests are marked with an asterix.

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 To review the attached register of Trustee Board Member interests and update as required, or confirm as a correct record and working document;
- 1.2 To consider whether any of the interests are likely to give rise to a serious conflict of interest, which will affect the Board's decision making.

2. Introduction

- 2.1 Charity Trustees have a legal duty to identify and manage conflicts of interest and any perceived conflicts of interest. This ensures public trust and confidence that charity trustees are taking decisions only in the best interests of their charities and are not influenced by their other interests.
- 2.2 The Charity Secretary maintains the attached register of the interests that Trustees have declared (whether or not they give rise to any potential conflicts) and invites Trustees to revise their declarations annually and update them where necessary. In the interests of transparency, the register is publicly available, and may be inspected by the Charity Commission. All identified conflicts and actions taken by the Trustees to deal with them are recorded (usually in the minutes of relevant meetings).
- 2.3 Trustees are required to sign the Conflict of Interests Policy on appointment and complete a declaration of interest form and to make known thereafter, to the whole Board, any interests that arise as soon as possible after they are identified. The forms require Trustees to declare any direct and indirect (connected persons) interests.

- 2.4 Trustees are also expected, and reminded, to identify any current or new interests at each meeting if any of the listed interests at Appendix 1 change, including changes of employment.
- 2.5 Where a conflict of interest has not been dealt with properly and is subsequently identified, the Charity Commission expects charities to act promptly to put matters right and prevent the same issue from arising again.
- 2.6 Conflicts cannot be avoided and are not seen to affect the integrity of a trustee but they must be managed correctly. Trustees may be required to remove themselves from discussions where a conflict of interest or loyalty may put the Charity at risk.
- 2.7 Where a Trustee's interest is regularly preventing them from taking part in decision making the interested Trustee may need to consider stepping down from the Board.

3. Register of Interests

- 3.1 The 2018 Trustees Register of Interests is attached at Appendix 1. New declarations or changes to previously declared interests are marked with an asterix.
- 3.2 Inherently, as they are appointed by the Corporate Trustee, all voting trustees have a potential conflict of loyalty. In order to fulfil their duty to act only in the best interests of the Charity, Trustee's primary duty should be with the Charity.
- 3.3 Trustees should also ensure that any confidential information that they have access to in their roles remains confidential.
- 3.4 Where a declaration of interest is made, Trustees must decide whether the interest will affect the Board's decision making and take appropriate action, for example: the conflicted trustee withdrawing from the meeting during discussion of the matter; the Board not pursuing a course of action or a trustee stepping down.
- 3.5 In 2018-19 there were no decisions taken by the Board or contracts awarded by the Charity which affecting any of the interests declared by Trustees and no declared conflicts of interests during Board meetings. Cllr Bob Hare declared he was Chair of AP Allotments at a Joint meeting of the SAC/CC, which did not affect any decisions of the Trustee Board.

4. Risks

- 4.1 The Charity's reputation and public trust and confidence in charities in general can be seriously affected if conflicts of interest are not identified and properly managed.
- 4.2 Any transactions, contracts and agreements could be void if a declaration of interest is not made at the appropriate time, which could result in financial loss to the Charity and reduce the impact of charitable activities.
- 4.3 The Charity could also be subject to legal challenge.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1. The Council's Assistant Director of Corporate Governance has been consulted in the preparation of this report, and confirms the legal duty on Board Members to avoid conflicts of interest and act only in the best interests of the charity. That duty arises under Charity Commission guidance, and section 175 of the Companies Act 2006 for APTL Directors. Accordingly, Members must not put themselves in any position where their duties as trustee may conflict – or give the impression of so doing - with any personal interest or loyalty they may have. The compilation of a Register of Interests – which needs to be treated as a living document, and as such kept under review, with amendments made promptly - will assist in delivering on the duty.
- 5.2. Confirmation is also given by the Council's Assistant Director of Corporate Governance of the risk of challenge by either the Charity Commission itself, or a third party affected by a decision made by the Board, where a Member participates in the decision making process, but fails to disclose a conflict in the matter to be decided.

6.1 Financial Implications

- 6,1 The Council's Chief Financial Officer has been consulted in the preparation of this report, and has no comments.

7. Use of Appendices

Appendix 1 – Trustee Register of Declarations of Interests



Trustee	2019/ 20 Trustee Interests Description of interest	Does the interest relate to the trustee or a person closely connected to the trustee (describe)?	Is the interest current ?
Cllr Bob Hare	Member of ALDC (Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors)	Trustee	Yes
	Company Director of APTL	Trustee	Yes
	Member of APP Consultative Committee	Trustee	Yes
	Member of Haringey Liberal Democrats Group and Elected Haringey (Highgate Ward) Councillor (Member of Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Panel)	Trustee	Yes
	Member of Friends of the Earth: National Branch, Muswell Hill branch & Tottenham branch	Trustee	Yes
	Member of Greenpeace	Trustee	Yes
	Member of Amnesty International	Trustee	Yes
	Member of Campaign to Protect Rural England	Trustee	Yes
	Member of Hornsey Historical Society	Trustee	Yes
	Member of New River Action Group	Trustee	Yes
	Chair of the Tree Trust for Haringey	Trustee	Yes
	Member of Highgate Society	Trustee	Yes
	Chair of Alexandra Palace Allotments Association	Trustee	Yes
	Member Crouch End Open Space (CREOS)	Trustee	Yes
	Councillor Representative on Highgate Wood Consultative Forum	Trustee	Yes
	APPCT Board representative of Friends of Alexandra Palace Theatre	Trustee	Yes
	Member of Friends of Alexandra Palace Theatre	Trustee	Yes
Cllr Anne Stennett	Company Director of APTL (and Chair)	Trustee	Yes
	Member of APP Consultative Committee	Trustee	Yes
	Member of Haringey Labour Group and Elected Haringey (White Hart Lane Ward) Cllr	Trustee	Yes
	Employed work as a solicitor for Curwens	Trustee	Yes
	Member of Haringey Labour Group and Leader of Haringey Council (Chair of Cabinet)	Spouse	Yes
	Member of Co-operative Party	Trustee&Spouse	Yes
	Member of GMB	Trustee	Yes
	Member of Unite	Spouse	Yes
	Trustee of the Selby Centre	Trustee	Yes
Cllr Sarah Williams	Governor of Risley Primary School	Trustee	Yes
	Company Director of APTL	Trustee	Yes
	Member of APP Consultative Committee	Trustee	Yes
	Member of Haringey Labour Group and Elected Haringey (West Green Ward) Cllr (Member of Regulatory Committee and Planning Sub Committee and Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Panel)	Trustee	Yes
	Member of the Co-op Party	Trustee	Yes
	Executive Member of the Musician's Union	Trustee	Yes
	Socialist Education Association Executive	Trustee	Yes
	Governor of Park View School	Trustee	Yes
Cllr Dana Carlin	Member of Haringey Labour Group and Elected Haringey (Hornsey Ward Cllr)	Trustee	Yes
	Member of the Co-operative Party	Trustee	Yes
	Member of APP Consultative Committee	Trustee	Yes
	Council Corporate Committee Vice Chair	Trustee	Yes
	Carlin and Konak LLP (film editor)	Partner	Yes
	Homes For Haringey Board Member	Trustee	Yes



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*Cllr Eldridge Culverwell	Member of Haringey Labour Group and Elected Haringey (Hornsey Ward Cllr)	Trustee	Yes
	Treasurer Stroud Green Residents Association	Trustee	Yes
	Vice Chair Friends of Finsbury Park	Trustee	Yes
Cllr Nick da Costa	Member of Haringey Liberal Democrat Group and Elected Haringey (Alexandra Ward) Councillor (Member of Adults and Health Scrutiny Panel)	Trustee	Yes
	Member of APP Consultative Committee	Trustee	Yes
	Get Real GMBH Member (Vienna) (unpaid director)	Trustee	Yes
	The London Clinic (paid employment)	Trustee	Yes
	*Chair of the Friends of Ally Pally Station	Trustee	Yes
	*Vice Chair of The Grove School Governing Body	Trustee	Yes
	Member of ALDC (Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors)	Trustee	Yes
Nigel Willmott	Chair of Friends of Alexandra Palace Theatre	Trustee	Yes
Duncan Neill	Chair of Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Residents' Association	Trustee	Yes
	Member of APP Consultative Committee	Trustee	Yes
Val Paley	Member of Greenpeace	Trustee	Yes
	Member of Transport for All	Trustee	Yes
	Leader of Canal and Woodcraft Folk	Trustee	Yes
	National Trust Member	Husband	Yes
	Residential property backs in to Redston playing field	Trustee	Yes