

## TRANSPORT FOR THE NORTH

### REGISTER OF MEMBERS DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

#### The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012

#### Note

Within 28 days of becoming a Member or Co-opted Member of TfN you must notify TfN's Monitoring Officer of any 'disclosable pecuniary interests' by completing this prescribed form.

A 'disclosable pecuniary interest' is an interest of yourself, or of your partner if you are aware of your partner's interest, within the descriptions set out in the table below.

"Partner" means a spouse or civil partner, or a person with whom you are living as husband or wife, or a person with whom you are living as if you are civil partners.

#### Declaration of:

**Name: Richard David Thomas**

**Authority: TfN**

Subject	Description	Details of Interest	Person with the interest
Employment, office, trade, profession, or vocation	Any employment, office, trade, profession, or vocation carried on for profit or gain.	Employed by St Helens Council as Head of Audit and Risk.  Partner is Head of Governance at Wyre Council	Me  Partner
Sponsorship	Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from TfN) made or provided within the 12-month period prior to notification of the interest in respect of any expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a Member, or towards your election expenses. 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).	No sponsorship. I receive salary. Not member of a Trade Union.	

Contracts	<p>Any contract which is made between you or your partner (or a body in which you or your partner has a beneficial interest) and TfN –</p> <p>1.1.1 Under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and</p> <p>1.1.2 Which has not been fully discharged.</p>	None	
Land	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of TfN.	None	
Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of TfN for a month or longer.	None	
Corporate Tenancies	<p>Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) –</p> <p>(a) The landlord is TfN: and</p> <p>(b) The tenant is a body in which you or your partner has a beneficial interest.</p>	None	
Securities	<p>Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where –</p> <p>(a) That body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of TfN; and</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 you or your partner has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.</p>	None	

For the purposes of the above:

- a) "A body in which you or your partner has a beneficial interest" means a firm in which you or your partner is a partner or a body corporate of which you or your partner is a director, or in the securities of which you or your partner has a beneficial interest;
- b) "Director" includes a member of the committee of management of a registered society within the meaning given by section 1(1) of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014, other than a society registered as a credit union;
- c) "Land" excludes an easement, interest or right in or over land which does not carry with it a right for you or your partner (alone or jointly) to occupy the land or receive income but includes your home, and
- d) "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.

## **NOTE**

### **Non-participation in case of disclosable pecuniary interest**

If you are present at a Board meeting of TfN, or any Committee, Sub-Committee, Joint Committee or Joint Sub-Committee of TfN, and you have a disclosable pecuniary interest in any matter to be considered or being considered at the meeting,

- a) You must not participate in any discussion of the matter at the meeting;
- b) You must not participate in any vote taken on the matter at the meeting;
- c) If the interest is not registered, you must disclose the interest to the meeting;
- d) If the interest is registered, you are also required to disclose the interest to the meeting;
- e) If the interest is not registered and is not the subject of a pending notification, you must notify TfN's Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days;
- f) You are also required to withdraw from the room of the meeting while the matter is being considered.

## **Offences**

It is a criminal offence if, without reasonable excuse, you:

- a) Fail to notify TfN's Monitoring Officer of any disclosable pecuniary interest within 28 days of appointment as a Member of TfN;
- b) Fail to disclose a disclosable pecuniary interest at a meeting if it is not on TfN's Register;
- c) Fail to notify TfN's Monitoring Officer within 28 days of a disclosable pecuniary interest that is not on TfN Register that you have disclosed to a meeting;
- d) Participate in any discussion or vote on a matter in which you have a disclosable pecuniary interest;
- e) Knowingly or recklessly provide information that is false or misleading in notifying TfN's Monitoring Officer of a disclosable pecuniary interest or in disclosing such interest to a meeting.

The criminal penalties available to a court are to impose a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale and disqualification from being a Councillor for up to 5 years.

## DECLARATION

As a Member/Co-opted Member of TfN I hereby give notice to the Monitoring Officer of those disclosable pecuniary interests which I am required to declare under the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012.

I understand that in doing so I must declare not only my own interests but also those of my spouse, civil partner, or person with whom I am living as such. Where there is no such interest, I have endorsed the form "none"

I understand that if I become aware of any new disclosable pecuniary interest or any change to any disclosable pecuniary interest I must within 28 days of becoming aware of this and notify the Monitoring Officer. I understand that if I become so aware whilst present at a meeting during the course of which related business is transacted, I must also make a declaration at that time and take appropriate action.

I understand that if I fail to provide any information which should be provided or provide false or misleading information or neglect to keep my Declaration(s) up to date this may be a criminal offence.

Signed 

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Please complete and return your form by e-mail to: