

# Buckinghamshire Growth Board

## Register of Interests – non-councillor representatives

As a non-councillor member of the Buckinghamshire Growth Board, I declare that I have the following pecuniary and/or non-pecuniary interests.

### **Registration and declaration of interests**

Board members have two responsibilities as regards the personal or private interests:

- firstly to **register** certain interests, as set out in the form below within 28 clear working days of their appointment as Board members, or within 28 working days of becoming aware of such an interest; and
- Secondly, to **declare** these interests at each meeting at the appropriate point in the agenda when an item to be discussed/decided may relate to or affect this interest AND also to declare any 'other interests' which may be relevant.

As regards the registration of **pecuniary interests**, the interests of the Board member's spouse/partner also counts as the representative's own. These do not need to be recorded against the spouse/partner's name, only against the name of the representative; as the interests of the spouse/partner are deemed to be those of the representative. This mirrors the statutory requirement for elected councillors. If a pecuniary interest is engaged, the Board member should not take part in the discussion or voting and should leave the room.

As regards the declaration of **other interests**, Board members should consider whether an item of business relates to or affects the wellbeing of themselves, their wider family or their close associates or any other body to which they have been appointed. If an 'other interest' is engaged, the Board member can continue to discuss and vote on the matter unless they consider that a reasonable member of the public, in possession of all the facts, would consider that their interest is such that the Board member would be unable to act in the public interest. If the latter applies, they should leave the room and not take part in the discussion or voting.

These requirements are consistent with the **Principles of Public Life** (see annex) which all persons engaged in public service (including the Growth Board is) must follow.

### **Updating the register**

Each Board Member should review their individual register of interests before each board and other decision-making (e.g., committee) meeting, submitting any necessary revisions to the Democratic Services Team at Buckinghamshire Council. Even if a meeting has not taken place a Member must, within 28 clear working days of becoming aware of any change to the interests specified below, provide written notification to Democratic Services. Registers and updates should be sent to: [democracy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:democracy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

**\*SPOUSE/PARTNER** – 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".

## The Register

**Board member name: ...Rachael Shimmin.....**

**Position on the Growth Board:...Member.....**

*(Please state 'None' where appropriate, do not leave any boxes blank).*

SECTION 1	ANY EMPLOYMENT, OFFICE, TRADE, PROFESSION OR VOCATION CARRIED ON FOR PROFIT OR GAIN	Details
1.1	Name of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ your employer(s)</li> <li>○ any business carried on by you</li> <li>○ any other role in which you receive remuneration (this includes remunerated roles such as councillors).</li> </ul>	Buckinghamshire Council  Local Authority  None
1.2	Description of employment or business activity.	Local Authority

1.3	The name of any firm in which you are a partner.	None
1.4	The name of any company for which you are a remunerated director.	None
SECTION 2	SPONSORSHIP	Details
2.1	Any financial benefit obtained (other than from the Growth Board) which is paid as a result of carrying out duties as a Member of the Board.  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).	None  None

SECTION 3	CONTRACTS	Details
3.1	Any contract for goods, works or services with Buckinghamshire Council which has not been fully discharged by any organisation named at 1.1.	None
3.2	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 Growth Board.	None
SECTION 4	LAND OR PROPERTY	Details
4.1	<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 Growth Board.</p> <p>This would include, within the area of Buckinghamshire:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Any interest in any land in the Buckinghamshire, including your place(s) of residency.</li> </ul>	Homeowner in North Bucks

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Any tenancy where the landlord is Buckinghamshire Council and the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has an interest.</li> <li>○ Any licence for a month or longer to occupy land owned by Buckinghamshire Council.</li> </ul> <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>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>MK18 Buckinghamshire</p>
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SECTION 5	SECURITIES	Details	
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 Buckinghamshire; 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 has an interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.</p>	None	
SECTION 6	GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY	Details	
6.1	Any gifts and/or hospitality received as a result of membership of the Growth Board (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 Growth Board:**

Chair of Opportunity Bucks Sub Group

**2. Any body exercising functions of a public nature (e.g., school governing body):**

Member Bob Integrated Care Board  
Member Association County Council CEO's

**3. Any body directed to charitable purposes:**

Trustee Helena Kennedy Foundation

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

Board Member Association  
Local Authority Chief Executive

**5. Any local authority:**

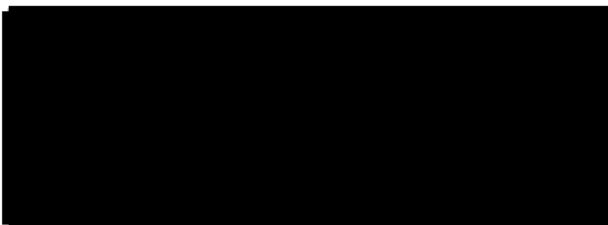
CEO Buckinghamshire Council

**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

**GROWTH BOARD 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;

<b>Date</b>	11 March 2024
<b>Name</b> <i>(Capitals – in full)</i>	RACHAEL SHIMMIN
<b>Signature</b>	

**RECEIPT BY BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL'S DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

<b>Date received:</b>	11 March 2024
<b>Signature on behalf of the Monitoring Officer of Buckinghamshire Council</b>	

Return to: [democracy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:democracy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

# Appendix: The Seven Principles of Public Life

## Introduction

The Seven Principles of Public Life (also known as the Nolan Principles) apply to anyone who works as a public office-holder. This includes all those who are elected or appointed to public office, nationally and locally, and all people appointed to work in the Civil Service, local government, the police, courts and probation services, non-departmental public bodies (NDPBs), and in the health, education, social and care services. All public office-holders are both servants of the public and stewards of public resources. The principles also apply to all those in other sectors delivering public services.

### 1 Selflessness

Holders of public office should act solely in terms of the public interest.

### 2 Integrity

Holders of public office must avoid placing themselves under any obligation to people or organisations that might try inappropriately to influence them in their work. They should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends. They must declare and resolve any interests and relationships.

### 3 Objectivity

Holders of public office must act and take decisions impartially, fairly and on merit, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias.

### 4 Accountability

Holders of public office are accountable to the public for their decisions and actions and must submit themselves to the scrutiny necessary to ensure this.

### 5 Openness

Holders of public office should act and take decisions in an open and transparent manner. Information should not be withheld from the public unless there are clear and lawful reasons for so doing.

### 6 Honesty

Holders of public office should be truthful.

### 7 Leadership

Holders of public office should exhibit these principles in their own behaviour and treat others with respect. They should actively promote and robustly support the principles and challenge poor behaviour wherever it occurs.