

Appendix 'F'

Description of Register of Members' Interests

The Monitoring Officer is required under section 81 of the Local Government Act 2000 to establish and maintain a Register of interests of the members and co opted members of the Authority. Copies of the Register must be available for inspection by the public at all reasonable hours.

The Authority is required to adopt a Code of Conduct for Members which contains certain mandatory provisions prescribed by the Secretary of State. Those mandatory provisions will require to enter in the Register certain categories of financial and other interests.

The Code of Conduct has now been approved by the Council (see Appendix 'D') and adopted with effect from the 18th April 2002.

The Code of Conduct includes details of the financial and other interests which must be registered with the Authority in writing within 28 days of the date of adoption in the case of existing Members and within 28 days of election in the case of new Members or appointment to office in the case of Co-optees. These interests are set out below:-

- (a) any employment or business carried on by him,
- (b) the name of the person who employs or has appointed him, the name of any firm in which he is a partner, and the name of any company for which he is a remunerated director;
- (c) the name of any person, other than a relevant authority, who has made a payment to him in respect of his election or any expenses incurred by him in carrying out his duties;
- (d) the name of any corporate body which has a place of business or land in the authority's area, and in which the member has a beneficial interest in a class of securities of that body that exceeds the nominal value of £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body;
- (e) a description of any contract for goods, services or works made between the authority and himself or a firm in which he is a partner, a company of which he is a remunerated director, or a body of the description specified in sub-paragraph (d) above;

- (f) the address or other description (sufficient to identify the location) of any land in which he has a beneficial interest and which is in the area of the authority,
- (g) the address or other description (sufficient to identify the location) of any land where the landlord is the authority and the tenant is a firm in which he is a partner, a company of which he is a remunerated director, or a body of the description specified in sub-paragraph (d) above; and
- (h) the address or other description (sufficient to identify the location) of any land in the authority's area in which he has a licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy for 28 days or longer.

Within the same timescale, Members and Co-optees must provide written notification to the Authority's Monitoring Officer of his/her membership of or position of general control or management in any:-

- (a) body to which he or she has been appointed or nominated by the authority as its representative;
- (b) public authority or body exercising functions of a public nature;
- (c) company, industrial and provident society, charity, or body directed to charitable purposes;
- (d) body whose principal purposes include the influence of public opinion or policy;
- (e) trade union or professional association; and
- (f) *private club or society which promotes secrecy amongst its members.*

A Member must within 28 days of becoming aware of any change to the interests specified above, provide written notification to the Authority's Monitoring Officer of that change.

A Member must within 28 days of receiving any gift or hospitality over the value of £25, provide written notification to the Authority's Monitoring Officer of the existence and nature of that gift or hospitality.

The Register of Interests is available for inspection at the offices of the Borough Secretary, Town Hall, Barnsley.