

National Park Authority

Audit Committee Meeting

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Register of Interests Review

Paper for noting

1. Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to provide members with updated details of a review of senior staff and Board members register of interests completed as part of the Annual Accounts preparation process. Any material payment or transaction with a third party organisation requires separate disclosure as a 'related party transaction' in the Annual Accounts.

This review relates only to organisations where several factors are combined:

- 1.1 A Board member or a senior staff member has declared an interest in the organisation (either personally or through a close member of their family);
- 1.2 Control and influence:
 - 1.2.1 The organisation identified is controlled or jointly controlled by the person identified above OR
 - 1.2.2 The person identified has significant influence over the organisation or is a member of the key management personnel OR
 - 1.2.3 The entity provides key management personnel services to the Authority;
- 1.3 There has been a transfer of resources, services or obligations between related parties, regardless of whether a price is charged.

2. Recommendation

Members are asked to note this report and **Appendix 1**.

3. Details of the review process

- 3.1 Officers reviewed the Register of Interests of the Executive Team and Board Members. The entities were reviewed to identify any related parties. The Register of Interests of the Executive Team and Board Members were cross referenced with the financial records of the Authority and listed any interests where a financial payment has been made to a third party organisation by the Authority.
- 3.2 The figures in **Appendix 1** show the total payments made to the third party organisation. Where there is more than one Board Member or Executive Team member with an interest in the organisation the total payment has been shown against each individual i.e. it would be incorrect to add the payments together.

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Appendix 1

As part of the preparation of our 2015/16 Annual Accounts we reviewed our Executive Team and Board Member Registers of Interests, and prepared the following table outlining any occasion where one or more of our Board Members / Executive Team had declared an interest in an organisation which received a payment from the Authority in 2015/16.

Organisation	Payment Made by the Authority (if any)	Relevant Interests Held
Benmore & Kilmun Community Development Trust	773	<p>David McKenzie is Secretary of the Benmore & Kilmun Community Development Trust. Payment is Community Grant Scheme (£473) and contribution to Jingle Bus Project (£300).</p> <p>Disclosure not required. David McKenzie is a member of the panel for the Community Grant Scheme, declares an interest and does not participate in decisions relating to this Trust.</p>
Luss & Arden Community Development Trust	473	<p>David McCowan is Chair of the Luss & Arden Community Development Trust.</p> <p>Disclosure not required. David McCowan is a member of the panel for the Community Grant Scheme, declares an interest and does not participate in decisions relating to this Trust.</p>
Strathfillan Community Trust	3,874	<p>Billy Ronald is member of Strathfillan Community Trust.</p> <p>£3,401 was paid under Natural Heritage Grant Scheme to help manage Tyndrum Community Woodland and £473 under Community Grant Scheme.</p> <p>Disclosure not required. Billy Ronald is a member of the panel for the Community Grant Scheme, declares an interest and does not participate in decisions relating to this Trust.</p>

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Keep Scotland Beautiful	36,216	<p>Colin Bayes is a Board member and Trustee of Keep Scotland Beautiful.</p> <p>Membership to local environmental quality network (£5,700), surveys (£26,700), training (£3,600) and conferences (£216)</p> <p>No disclosure required. As a Board member, Colin Bayes would not be involved in the instruction of this work.</p>
Loch Lomond & Trossachs Countryside Trust	59,211	<p>Lindsay Morrison is a Director of the Loch Lomond & Trossachs Countryside Trust.</p> <p>Funding support is as per the agreement between the Park Authority and the Trust (£41,500), contribution to walk in the Pak (£10,000), natural heritage grant for rhododendron (£7,529) and railings repair (£182)</p> <p>No disclosure required. Lindsay Morrison is not involved in the awarding of grants or the detailed budget allocation to this organisation. His role in the Trust is part of the Authority's governance arrangements with the Trust.</p>
Loch Lomond & The Trossachs Community Partnership	73,899	<p>Owen McKee was previously a Director of the Loch Lomond & Trossachs Community Partnership.</p> <p>Skills partnership (£10,000), Community Action Plans (£10,000), Core Costs grant agreement (£40,000) and Strathard ecosystem project community engagement (£13,899).</p> <p>No disclosure required. Owen McKee was not involved in the awarding of grants or the detailed budget allocation to this organisation.</p>

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National Parks UK	13,495	Linda McKay is Director of National Parks UK. No disclosure required as National Parks UK does not control, jointly control or significantly influence the Authority simply by virtue of their normal dealings.
RSPB	3,360	William Nisbet leases land for grazing from RSPB. No disclosure required. William Nisbet does not have control or significant influence over RSPB.
SRUC	N/A	Billy Ronald is employee of SRUC, as a shepherd. Peatland restoration on SRUC land was led by the Park Authority, with grant given by SNH for payment of contractors carrying out work. Value of work is £101,098 on SRUC land. The Authority leads on the project, pays the contractor and receives the funding from SNH. No disclosure required, as Billy Ronald does not have control or significant influence at SRUC.
Scotgold	N/A	Billy Ronald has a close relative who owns shares in Scotgold. This is declared on his register of interest. Billy Ronald is a member of the Planning and Access Committee and if an agenda item on the Planning and Access Committee or the Board would result in conflict, Billy Ronald would follow proper process and step out for that session. No disclosure required.

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Argyll & Bute Council	8,170	<p>George Freeman and James Robb are Councillors with Argyll & Bute Council.</p> <p>No disclosure required as Argyll and Bute Council is a local government body that does not control, jointly control or significantly influence the Authority simply by virtue of their normal dealings.</p>
Stirling Council	44,124	<p>Martin Earl and Fergus Wood are Councillors with Stirling Council.</p> <p>No disclosure required as Stirling Council is a local government body that does not control, jointly control or significantly influence the Authority simply by virtue of their normal dealings.</p>
West Dunbartonshire Council	165,960	<p>Hazel Sorrell is a Councillor with West Dunbartonshire Council.</p> <p>No disclosure required as West Dunbartonshire Council is a local government body that does not control, jointly control or significantly influence the Authority simply by virtue of their normal dealings.</p>