

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 provide members with details of a review of senior staff and board members register of interests which was completed as part of the Annual Accounts preparation process. Any payments to third party organisations of over £100,000 would require separate disclosure as a 'related party transaction' in the Annual Accounts. As members will note from Appendix 1 there were no material transactions to report. This review relates only to organisations where two factors are combined:

- 1.1 A board member or a senior staff member has declared an interest in the organisation and
- 1.2 The Authority has made a payment to that organisation.

2. Details of the review process

- 2.1 Officers cross-referenced the Register of Interests of the Senior Management Team and Board Members with the financial records of the Authority and listed any interests where a financial payment has been made to a third party organisation by LLTNPA.
- 2.2 Audit Scotland advised that the materiality level is £100,000 and therefore there are no material transactions to related parties to disclose in the Annual Accounts.
- 2.3 The figures in Appendix 1 are the total payments made to the third party organisation. Where there is more than one board member or senior manager 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.
- 2.4 Some board members are appointed by the local authorities of the areas within the National Park boundaries. No figures are shown for the local authorities as the Annual Accounts already include related party disclosures of local government organisations.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 Members are asked to note this report and Appendix 1.

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Appendix 1

As part of the preparation of our 2013/14 Annual Accounts we reviewed our Senior Staff and Board Member Registers of Interests, and prepared the following table outlining any occasion where one or more of our Board Members / Senior Staff had declared an interest in an organisation which received a payment from the Authority in 2013/14.

Organisation	Payment Made by the Authority (if any)	Relevant Interests Held
Loch Lomond & The Trossachs Community Partnership	£60,000	Owen McKee and Catharine Sankey are Directors of the Loch Lomond & Trossachs Community Partnership.
Loch Lomond & Trossachs Countryside Trust	£40,000	Bridget Jones and Lindsay Morrison are Directors of the Loch Lomond & Trossachs Countryside Trust.
Rural Stirling Housing Association	£17,800	Owen McKee is the Chair of Rural Stirling Housing Association. Martin Earl is a Board Member of the same.
Destination Group	£16,000	Fiona Logan is a Board Member of the Destination Group
Argyll Mausoleum Limited	£15,000	David McKenzie is the Secretary and a Trustee of Argyll Mausoleum Limited

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RSPB	£10,100	Catharine Sankey and David Warnock are both members of RSPB.
John Muir Trust	£10,000	Catharine Sankey is a member of the John Muir Trust.
Scottish Wildlife Trust	£10,000	David Warnock is a member of the Scottish Wildlife Trust.
Friends of Loch Lomond & The Trossachs	£7,900	Catharine Sankey is a member of Friends of Loch Lomond & The Trossachs.
Planning Aid Scotland	£7,000	Petra Biberbach is the Chief Executive Officer of Planning Aid Scotland.
Balquidder, Lochearnhead & Strathyre Community Trust	£3,400	Owen McKee is a Director of the Balquidder, Lochearnhead & Strathyre Community Trust.
Scottish Environmental LINK	£3,000	David Warnock is a member of Scottish Environmental LINK.

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Organisation	Payment Made by the Authority (if any)	Relevant Interests Held
Benmore & Kilmun Community Development Trust	£1,734	David McKenzie is Secretary of the Benmore & Kilmun Community Development Trust.
Balloch Community Interest Company	£800	David McCowan is the Treasurer of Balloch Community Interest Company.
National Trust Scotland	£70	David Warnock is a member of the National Trust for Scotland.
The Village Shop, Lochearnhead	£59	Owen McKee is the owner of the Village Shop, Lochearnhead.
Argyll & Bute Council	Various (in exchange for usual Council services e.g. refuse collection)	George Freeman and James Robb are Councillors with Argyll & Bute Council.
Historic Scotland	No money was paid to Historic Scotland (although money was received from	Fiona Logan is a Board Member of Historic Scotland.

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Perth & Kinross Council	Various (in exchange for usual Council services e.g. refuse collection)	Robert Ellis is a Councillor with Perth & Kinross Council.
Stirling Council	Various (in exchange for usual Council services e.g. refuse collection)	Martin Earl and Fergus Wood are Councillors with Stirling Council. Stirling Council Councillor
West Dunbartonshire Council	Various (in exchange for usual Council services e.g. refuse collection)	Hazel Sorrell is a Councillor with West Dunbartonshire Council.

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For the purposes of the foregoing table, the following persons had no relevant interest to declare.

Person	NPA Position
Angus Allan	Board Member
Colin Bayes	Board Member
Mairi Bell	Head of Visitor Experience
Jaki Carnegie	Director of Corporate Services
Linda McKay	Board Member & Convener
Iain Nicolson	Head of Planning & Rural Development
Scott Nisbet	Head of Conservation & Land Use
William Nisbet	Board Member
Gordon Watson	Director of Operations