

Marches Local Enterprise Partnership: Register of Members' Interests

28 February 2020 to 27 February 2021

As a Board Member/Co-opted Member of the Marches Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), I declare that I have the following disclosable pecuniary and/or non-pecuniary interests. *(Please state 'None' where appropriate, do not leave any boxes blank).*

NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES

Each Board Member shall review their individual register of interests before each Board meeting and decision-making committee meeting, submitting any necessary revisions to the LEP and S151/S73 Officer at the start of the meeting. Any recorded interests relevant to the meeting should also be declared at this point.

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 the LEP and S151/S73 Officer of that change.

***SPOUSE/PARTNER** – In the notice below my 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. Where your spouse or partner has recently been involved in any activity which would have been declarable, this should be mentioned, with the date the activity ended.

SECTION 1	ANY EMPLOYMENT, OFFICE, TRADE, PROFESSION OR VOCATION CARRIED ON FOR PROFIT OR GAIN	MYSELF	SPOUSE/PARTNER*
1.1	<p>Name of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ your employer(s) ○ any business carried on by you ○ any other role in which you receive remuneration (this includes remunerated roles such as councillors). 	<p>Bennett Briegal LLP (law firm);</p> <p>Law Society of England & Wales a series of roles including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council Member; 2. Regulatory Process Committee; 3. Law Management Section Committee; and 4. Conduct Committee; <p>Independent Practice as a mediator and arbitrator.</p> <p>Author/Writer – I write comment and opinion pieces focused on legal practice.</p> <p>Training Provider – various legal sector training organisations.</p>	<p>Registrar Shropshire Council (part-time);</p> <p>Sue Bennett HR Solutions Limited (part-time).</p>
1.2	Description of employment or business activity.	Solicitor and mediator/arbitrator.	Registrar and HR Adviser.

1.3	The name of any firm in which you are a partner.	Bennett Briegal LLP as a partner through Bennetts Legal Limited a company controlled by me.	Sue Bennett HR Solutions Limited.
1.4	The name of any company for which you are a remunerated director.	Bennetts Legal Limited.	Sue Bennett HR Solutions Limited.
SECTION 2	SPONSORSHIP	MYSELF	SPOUSE/PARTNER
2.1	Any financial benefit obtained (other than from the LEP) which is paid as a result of carrying out duties as a Member. 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).	Law Society of England and Wales (expenses and annual attendance fee).	N/A
SECTION 3	CONTRACTS	MYSELF	SPOUSE/PARTNER
	Any contract for goods, works or services with the LEP which has not been fully	None	None

	discharged by any organisation named at 1.1.		
	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 LEP.	None	None
SECTION 4	LAND OR PROPERTY	MYSELF	SPOUSE/PARTNER
	<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 LEP.</p> <p>This would include, within the area of the LEP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Any interest in any land in the LEP areas, including your place(s) of residency ○ Any tenancy where the landlord is the LEP and the tenant is a body in 	Residence SY3, Shropshire Council	Residence SY3, Shropshire Council

	<p>which the relevant person has an interest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Any licence for a month or longer to occupy land owned by the LEP. <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>		
SECTION 5	SECURITIES	MYSELF	SPOUSE/PARTNER
5.1	<p>Any interest in securities of an organisation under 1.1 where:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) that body (to my knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the LEP; and (b) either – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or 	None	None

	(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.		
SECTION 6	GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY	MYSELF	SPOUSE/PARTNER
	Any gifts and/or hospitality received as a result of membership of the LEP (above the value of £50).	None	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 LEP:

None

2. Any body exercising functions of a public nature (e.g. school governing body or another LEP):

Shropshire Business Board which I have Chaired since 01.01.2019 hence my appointment to the LEP Board.

Law Society of England and Wales Council Member, Conduct Committee, Law Management Section Committee and Regulatory Processes Committee.

I am the Chair of the Professionals Partnership a sector group operated by Shropshire Chamber of Commerce.

Clear Mediation – a mediation panel I am a member of, but from whom I have no recent instructions.

CADR – a mediation panel I am a member of, but from whom I have no recent instructions.

3. Any body directed to charitable purposes:

None but I typically do two charity bike rides each year for charities.

I am an Ambassador of Law Care a Charity aim at supporting lawyers wellbeing and which provides mental health support.

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

Employment Lawyers Association (ELA) and the Association of Partnership Professionals (APP). These are legal sector groups which seeks to promote best practice, knowledge sharing, networking and policy consistent with their membership.

5. Any local authority (please state any interests you hold as LA leaders/cabinet members for LA land, resources and the LA's commercial interests):

None

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.

Shropshire Chamber of Commerce I have been a member of for many years through businesses owned and managed by myself and colleagues and for whom I chair The Professionals Partnership which they operate.

Clerksroom a mediation chambers from which I receive occasional instructions as part of my independent mediation practice.

Law Brief Publishing who publish books written by me in my field of legal practice.

MEMBER'S DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE (Not for publication: for LEP records only)

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;

Date	24/03/2020
Member's Name <i>(Capitals – in full)</i>	PAUL KEITH BENNETT
Signature	

RECEIPT BY LEP

Date received by the LEP	24/03/2020
Signature of LEP Chief Executive	