

Declaration of Interests

Purpose

To advise Board members of their duty to declare any relevant interests about items on the agenda.

Strategic objective domains

An organisation that consistently performs as a regulator, professional representative leader and publisher

Action required

The Board is asked to note that their agreement of the Handbook includes the principle of transparency and probity with regard to declaration of interests.

1. Background

The aim of declaring interests is to support transparency and probity. The guiding principle when declaring interests is that matters should be declared which, in the perception of others, might be seen to give material or other advantage to the individual concerned or her/his close family members.

2. Chairman's Role

The agenda for the Board's include an item near the beginning under which the Chairman will remind members of the requirement to make declarations of interest as appropriate.

Members will declare an interest in a particular agenda item at the beginning of the discussion. It is at the discretion of the Chairman whether the individual member declaring an interest may take part in the discussion; remain for the discussion but not take part or vote; or should leave the meeting for the duration of the item.

3. Minutes

All declarations of interests and the decision of the Chairman on how the declarer will take part in the meeting will be noted in the minutes.

4. Risk Implications

The declaration of interests plays a key role in how the Society and the Board are viewed by both the profession and the wider public.

5. Resource Implications

There are no resource implications.

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