

Business Board Network: Register of Members' Interests

March 2026

As a Board Member/ Co-opted Member/ Sub-Board Member of the Business Board Network (Network) 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 Network CEO at the start of the meeting. Any recorded interest relevant to the meeting should also be declared at this point.

Even if a meeting has not taken place a Member must, within 28 days of becoming aware of any change to the interests specified below, provide written notification to the Network

***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	MEMBER	SPOUSE/PARTNER
			Mrs Leah Bretton
1.1	Name of: <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) 	Mesej (External Advisor) Aokah (External Advisor) The Business Board Network (Chair)	Magistrate (unpaid)
1.2	Description of employment or business activity	Mesej is a specialist business consultancy.	

		<p>Aokah is an AI and Expert Intelligence and Orchestration Platform.</p> <p>The Business Board Network is a not for profit company limited by guarantee that provides a co-ordinating facility across business boards in England</p>	
1.3	The name of any firm in which you are a partner	The Business Board Network	
1.4	The name of any company for which you are a remunerated director		
SECTION 2	SPONSORSHIP	MYSELF	SPOUSE/PARTNER
2.1	<p>Any financial benefit obtained (other than from the Network) which is paid as a result of carrying out duties as a Member.</p> <p>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)</p>	None	None
SECTION 3	CONTRACTS	MYSELF	SPOUSE/PARTNER
3.1	Any contract for goods, works or services with the Network which has not been fully discharged by any organisation named at 1.1	None	None
3.2	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 the business being decided by the Network in the forthcoming meeting.	None	None
SECTION 4	LAND OR PROPERTY	MYSELF	SPOUSE/PARTNER
4.1	Any interest you or any organisation listed at 1.1 may have in land or	SG13 (E Herts) Principal Residence	SG13 (E Herts) Principal Residence

	<p>property which is likely to be affected by a decision made by the Network.</p> <p>This would include, within the area of the Network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Any interest in any land in the Network areas, including your place(s) of residency - Any tenancy where the landlord is the Network and the tenant is a body in which relevant person has a beneficial interest - Any licence for a month or longer to occupy land owned by the Network <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 Network; 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; (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. 	None	None
SECTION 6	GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY	MYSELF	SPOUSE/PARTNER
6.1	Any gifts and/or hospitality received as a result of membership of the Network (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 Network:

None

2. Any body exercising functions of a public nature (eg school governing body, another Network):

I am the non executive Chair of the Business Board Network

3. Any body directed to charitable purposes:

None

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

I am the non executive Chair of the Business Board Network

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 action in relation to my role.

My wife Leah Bretton is an active Magistrate on the local bench which includes sitting in St Albans, Luton, Stevenage and Hatfield.
My daughter Sarah Bretton is a qualified teacher/SENDCO working at Eastfield Primary School in Enfield.

MEMBERS DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE

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	6 th March 2026
Member's Name <i>(capitals- in full)</i>	Mark Bretton
Signature	

RECEIPT BY Network

Date received by the Network	
Signature of Business Board Network Chief Executive	