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Dear Richard,

Leicestershire County Council – Related Parties for the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015

The Authority is required to disclose a list of related party relationships and transactions – bodies or individuals that have the potential to control or influence the Authority or to be controlled or influenced by the Authority.

Central Government

Central government has effective control over the general operations of the Authority - it is responsible for providing the statutory framework within which the Authority operates, provides the majority of its funding in the form of grants and prescribes the terms of many of the transactions that the Authority has with other parties (e.g. council tax).

Members

Members of Leicestershire County Council have direct control over the Authority's financial and operating policies. Members represent the interests of the Authority within a range of organisations and some are also members of district, borough or parish councils within Leicestershire.

Members of Leicestershire County Council have direct control over the authority's financial and operating policies. During 2014/15, works and services to the value of £252,000 were commissioned from a company, in which one member (Mr Blake Pain) had an interest. Contracts were entered into in full compliance with the Authority's standing orders.

During 2014/15 the Authority made payments (grants or contracts) to various voluntary and community sector organisations to the value of £0.3m in which a total of 16 members had an interest. The details are:

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Brian Roberts, CPFA, Director of Corporate Resources

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Member	Name of Body	Interest	Value £
Mr Richard Blunt	Leicestershire Rural Housing Association	Board Member	155
Mrs Jo Fox	East Midlands Housing	Board Member & Chair of Housing & Regeneration	141,649
Mr Simon Galton	De Montfort Housing Association	Member	2,231
Dr Sarah Hill	Woodland Trust	Member	4,408
Dr Sarah Hill	Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust	Member	6,500
Mr Max Hunt	Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust	Member	6,500
Mrs Helen Loydall	Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust	Member	6,500
Mr Keith Lynch	Next Generation Hinckley	Management Cttee	6,636
Ms Betty Newton	John Storer House Loughborough	Trustee	1,477
Mr Peter Osborne	Bradgate Park and Swithland Woods	Member	27,000
Mr Peter Osborne	National Forest	Member	200
Mr Alan Pearson	Active Melton Social Enterprise	Director	2,475
Mrs Pam Posnett	Melton MENCAP	Chairman Trustee	77,988
Mrs Christine Radford	Bradgate Park and Swithland Woods	Member	27,000
Mr David Snartt	Bradgate Park and Swithland Woods	Trustee	27,000
Mr David Snartt	Voluntary Action Leicester - John Storer House	Observer	1,477
Mr Leon Spence	Thringstone Community Centre	Member of Executive Cttee	806
Mr David Sprason	Fareshare Leicester	Member	3,523
Mr Ernie White	Cotesbach Educational Trust	Trustee	4,490
Mr Michael Wyatt	Broom Leys Committee Alloment Society	Society Member	1,050
Total			349,065

In all instances, the payments were made with proper consideration of declarations of interest. The relevant members did not take part in any discussion or decision relating to the payments. Details of all these transactions are recorded in the *Register of Members' Interest*, which is available for public inspection at www.leics.gov.uk. No such payments have been made to organisations whose senior management includes members of the families of members.

Officers

There were no related party transactions declared by the key management personnel of the Authority.

Pension Fund

Leicestershire County Council administers the Leicestershire Local Government Pension Scheme. Leicestershire Pension Fund's accounts are included within the Statement of Accounts.

Other Public bodies (subject to common control by Central Government)

- Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation (ESPO) - the Authority is a member of the Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation involved in the negotiation of contracts for supplies to its members and the provision of a central warehouse for the supply of items in common use. During 2014/15 turnover between the Authority and ESPO totalled £6.5m. In 2005, the Authority entered into a 25 year borrowing arrangement of £12.5m on behalf of the constituent members of the consortium to finance the provision of a new warehouse and integrated offices. The loan outstanding as at 31 March 2015 is £7.8m.
- East Midlands Shared Services - the Authority runs a joint operation with Nottingham City Council (NCC) to provide shared transactional finance, human resources and payroll services

to both authorities under the name of East Midlands Shared Services (EMSS). During 2014/15 the net cost of EMSS was £2.1m.

- East Midlands Councils (EMC) – the Authority is a member of EMC and paid £9,500 in membership subscriptions during 2014/15. Until 31 March 2014 the County Council was also the servicing authority for EMC. The final balance of funds held by the County Council, £1188,781, was paid to EMC during 2014/15.
- Leicester Shire Connexions Service Limited - the Authority and Leicester City Council each own 50% of the company Leicester Shire Connexions Service Limited. The Director of Children and Family Services and Assistant Director of Strategic Finance and Property are Directors of Connexions. The company entered voluntary liquidation on 23 May 2014 on a solvent basis. The Authority made no contributions to the company during 2014/15.
- Leicester Shire Promotions Limited (LPL) - the Authority provides funding to Leicester Shire Promotions Limited (LPL) to provide tourism services in the County. The Authority made contributions of £0.2m to LPL during 2014/15.
- Concessionary Travel Fares Scheme - the Authority administers the Concessionary Travel Fares Scheme for areas covered by Leicester City Council and the District Councils in Leicestershire. The net cost for 2014/15 was £5.7m
- Pooled budgets - the Authority has two pooled budget arrangements with local health authorities for the supply of aids for daily living and the provision of services for adults with learning difficulties. Expenditure and income totalling £8.3m and £22.0m were incurred on each pool respectively for 2014/15.
- Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Fire Authority - the Authority is a constituent member of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Fire Authority. During 2014/15 the Authority received £0.4m of income from the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Fire Authority for services rendered.

Yours sincerely

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