**Commissioner / Committee member declaration of interests**

Name

Susan Johnson

Role

Commissioner, Chair Audit and Risk Assurance Committee

Part 1: Biography

Please provide concise (max 130 words) and objective biographical details for publication on the Commission's website, and elsewhere.

Susan Johnson was, until her retirement in August 2015, Chief Executive at County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service, where she was the first woman and non-uniformed chief executive to lead a Fire and Rescue Service in the United Kingdom. Susan previously held a senior position in the Regional Development Agency for Yorkshire and Humber following a career in international marketing in the information technology sector. Susan was awarded the OBE for services to New Deal in the North East in 2000 and has held a number of non-executive and trustee roles in the private, public and not for profit sectors including Greggs plc, Legacy Trust UK and Durham University.

Part 2: Relevant pecuniary interests

Please list your or close family members' or associates’ relevant pecuniary interests. These might include:

1. any business interests (for example your employment, trade, profession, contracts, or any company with which they are associated); and
2. any wider financial interests (for example trust funds, investments, and assets including land and property);
3. sponsorship or payments for specific activities not covered in (a) or (b) (e.g.one-off speaking engagements, or study tours).

which may have a direct bearing on the business of the Commission, or which a fair minded person might reasonably think could influence your judgment.

Non-Executive Director, Sports Ground Safety Authority

Non-Executive Director, Local Partnerships

Non-Executive Director, Health and Safety Executive

Independent Member Audit and Risk Committee, Gentoo Group (Housing Association)

Commissioner at the Local Boundary Commission for England

Protector: Power to Change Trust (Registered charity no. 1159982)

Part 3: Relevant non-pecuniary interests

Please list your or close family members' or associates’ relevant non-pecuniary interests. These might include membership or active involvement with any:

1. public bodies
2. political parties
3. campaigning groups
4. professional and trade bodies
5. charities and other voluntary and community sector bodies

which, even if not remunerated, may have a direct bearing on the business of the Commission, or which a fair minded person might reasonably think could influence your judgment.

Part 4: Gifts and hospitality

Please confirm by completing and returning the attached Gifts and Hospitality form (Appendix A) details of any of any gifts, hospitality or favours you have received or provided that may be related to your membership of the Commission’s Board or Committees.

1. You should include details of the person(s) or organisation(s) offering or in receipt of the gift, hospitality, or favour, the date, the purpose or object of the offer and the reason why the gift, hospitality or favour was or was not accepted
2. You do not normally need to include:

* hospitality received which is implicitly registered by the declarations of interest in Parts 1 and 2 (for example if you have declared that you are a director of a campaigning group, you do not need additionally to declare all gifts and hospitality received while working in that capacity);
* isolated gifts of a trivial character or inexpensive seasonal gifts (e.g. trade calendars) valued up to £25:00
* conventional hospitality associated with routine Commission business (for example refreshments provided during a meeting with stakeholders).

None

Part 5: Version Control and updates [Officer Use Only]

This declaration was updated on 21 April 2020 to reflect that Susan had stepped down from Youth Homeless North East in January 2020. It was agreed as current following discussion of Commissioners’ interests at the EHRC Board meeting of **14 May 2020** at which Susan Johnson was present.