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1 – Aim and Background

1.1 The West Cumbria Managing Radioactive Waste Safely Partnership (hereafter 'the Partnership') aims to operate openly and transparently, in recognition of its role in representing community interests on a controversial issue.

1.2 The possibility of having a formal register of interests was raised partly in response to a Parliamentary Question and also a request submitted by a member of the public. For completeness and background, both are appended in Appendix 1.

1.3 Having a register would be consistent with the way in which the Partnership operates. The main aim of publishing a Register of Interests is to provide information about personal or business interests that could bear upon the work of the Partnership.

2 – Registration of Member Interests

2.1 Councillors already publish wide-ranging information about their interests under Local Government Act rules. Although not as extensive as suggested in [Appendix 1](#), this could be extended to apply to the non-local authority members of the Partnership to ensure consistency.

2.2 Essentially it is proposed to draw up a page on the Partnership website that allows the public to follow-through to see the interests of all full members. The register would link to information that is currently available online, rather than compile new information.

2.3 All full Partnership members should notify the Programme Manager in changes to their interests within one month so that the web page is kept up to date. Partnership members who do not currently publish their interests will be asked to do so, in line with the same rules as local authority members.

2.4 The key criterion is whether the public, knowing the facts, might reasonably think that the interest should be registered. In the case of doubt, the Programme Manager should be consulted.

3 – Recommendation

3.1 It is recommended that the Partnership adopt the proposal for a register above, and publish it by the end of January 2011.

[Click here](#) to see the Register on the West Cumbria MRWS website.