



Cabinet Office

# Annual Publication of Relevant Special Adviser Interests

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# Introduction

As with all civil servants, special advisers ensure that no conflict arises, or could be perceived to arise, between their public duties and their private interests, financial or otherwise.

In line with the current Declaration of Interests policy for special advisers, interests must be declared to their Permanent Secretary in the appointing department for consideration. The personal information which special advisers disclose to the Permanent Secretary is treated in confidence. All special advisers have submitted a completed declaration of interests form, including nil returns in instances where there was no actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest. Where relevant to the role, and to help manage a perception of conflict or to explain how a conflict is being managed, interests will be published on an annual basis in, or alongside, the relevant departmental Annual Report and Accounts. This provides a balance between transparency and privacy.



## Introduction continued

As the current policy came into contractual effect from 21 August 2020, the declared interests of all those employed in the period 21 August 2020 - 31 March 2021 have been considered for publication, including those who have since left their Department. The Cabinet Office Permanent Secretary has considered these returns and deemed that the following relevant interests should be made public for special advisers working within the Cabinet Office departmental boundary (i.e. Cabinet Office, Number 10 and the offices of the Leaders of the Houses).



Name	Interest
Alex Hickman	<p>Mr Hickman holds unpaid roles as Chairman and Director of the African Mountain Research Foundation.</p> <p>Mr Hickman holds an unpaid role as Director of A Future Without Rubbish. He does not play an active role in the affairs of the organisation.</p>
Allegra Stratton	<p>Ms Stratton's husband is a journalist with The Spectator and The Times.</p>
Andrew Parsons	<p>Mr Parsons holds a paid role as Company Director at Parsons Media Ltd.</p> <p>Mr Parsons held a paid role as Company Director at I-Images Ltd and stepped down from this role in March 2021.</p> <p>Mr Parsons' work as a special adviser is a part-time contract and the work for these companies is performed outside these hours. Mr Parsons may not use government information for the benefit of his outside roles.</p>
Ben Warner (to May 21)	<p>Dr Warner's brother is the CEO of Faculty Science Ltd.</p> <p>Dr Warner has a shareholding in Faculty Science Ltd.</p> <p>Dr Warner is recused from involvement in matters that could directly or indirectly benefit Faculty Science Ltd.</p>



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Charlie Rowley	Mr Rowley is a local councillor for the East Hertfordshire District Council.
Edward Lister (to Feb 21)	<p>Sir Ed Lister holds a Non Executive Director role at Stanhope PLC. He is also a member of the Advisory Board at Delancey Real Estate.</p> <p>Sir Ed Lister holds a paid role as Company Director of Edward Lister Consultants Ltd [this company remained active to receive payments from other work, but Sir Lister did not seek or undertake any new work for this company in the period in question]</p> <p>Sir Ed Lister's hours as a Special Adviser were reduced to reflect these additional roles. As his remit as a Special Adviser was focused on international and overseas policy these outside roles were not considered to be a conflict. He recused himself from any detailed discussions about related policy.</p> <p>Sir Ed Lister has a shareholding in Stanhope PLC.</p>
Fred de Fossard	Mr DeFossard holds a role as Director of DeFossard Communications. During his time as a special adviser this directorship is unpaid.
Henry Newman	Mr Newman is a local councillor for the London Borough of Camden.



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John Bew	Mr Bew's father is Chair of the House of Lords Appointment Commission. Mr Bew is on secondment from King's College London where he holds a paid role as a Professor in History and Foreign Policy.
Luke Graham (to Feb 21)	Mr Graham holds an unpaid role as Director of the Conservative Environment Network. Mr Graham also holds an unpaid role as co-chair of Freer - an initiative of the Institute of Economic Affairs (IEA).
Oliver Lewis (to Feb 21)	Mr Lewis is the founder, Director and sole shareholder of Joe's Blooms Ltd. During his time as a special adviser this directorship was dormant. Mr Lewis had no involvement with biodiversity policy in his Government role.
Rory Gribbell	Mr Gribbell held an unpaid role as a DfE-nominated expert on the Education Endowments Foundation grants committee. He has since stepped down from this role.



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Samuel Kasumu (to May 21)	<p>Mr Kasumu is a co-Founder, Director and shareholder of Inclusive Boards. During his time as a special adviser this directorship was unpaid and he was not active in the affairs of the organisation.</p> <p>Mr Kasumu held an unpaid role on the Board of Trustees at OVO Foundation. He has since stepped down from this role.</p>
Simone Finn	<p>Baroness Finn's interests are published on the House of Lords register of interests. Baroness Finn has undertaken not to have any involvement in, or association with, the activities of Francis Maude Associates LLP or FMAP Ltd.</p>
Will Warr	<p>Mr Warr has share options in Oxford Nanoimaging. Mr Warr is recused from work on matters or in ways that could directly or indirectly benefit Oxford Nanoimaging.</p>