

## Byelaw Changes – Register of Interest

### Summary:

- Currently the Byelaws require all Officers and Trustees of the Union to sign a register of interest.
- There is a legal requirement for a Trustee of a charity to sign a register of interest
- There is no legal requirement for an officer of the Union to sign a register of interest
- Officers of the Union can not make significant financial, strategic decisions outside the remit of their financial responsibility which they already sign for.
- No register of interest for Officers who are not Trustees has been kept for a number of years now.
- The additional requirement of paperwork and anxiety of not fully understanding what it means acts as an extra barrier to participation for many volunteers.

### Changes:

**F2.** A Register of Interest shall be kept for Trustees, ~~Officer of the Union~~ and any other person at the discretion of the Board of Trustees or ~~Union Council~~.

**F4.3** the ~~Officer's~~ Trustees department/division and year where relevant.

**F5.** The Register shall contain any matter not falling in the above categories which could provide information of any pecuniary interest or other material benefit which an ~~Officer-Trustee~~ receives which might reasonably be thought by others to influence ~~their -his or her~~ actions, speeches, or votes in committees, or actions taken in ~~their his or her~~ capacity as an Officer.

**F6.** Union ~~Trustees Officers~~ shall be required to sign the Register as an accurate record of their interests as a requirement of taking office.

**F7.** The Register shall be kept and maintained by the Chair of the Board of Trustees ~~President~~, who shall be responsible for notifying ~~Officers- Trustees~~ of their responsibilities and requiring ~~Officers Trustees~~ to register.