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Dear Mr Rayner

Protocol in Relation to Members' Business Dealings with the Council

I should be grateful if you would clarify whether the protocol is intended to apply to the situations set out below.

I have always registered my position as Chair of Hetton Home Care Services Voluntary Management Committee, which is a registered charity on the Members' Register of Interests and declared this interest where appropriate at Council meetings.

Whilst I receive no remuneration, there is a contract with the Council for home care provision. The Business Manager deals with business operations and I have no involvement in the tender process, nor do I meet any Council Officers in respect of the contract.

In addition, I am also a member of the Board of the Easington Lane Community Access Point, which has a contract with the Council's Youth Services to provide youth commissioned services and also a Service Level Agreement to provide social and educational activities for local people at the Community Centre.

Yours sincerely



Councillor David Tate