

REGISTER OF INTERESTS - SSAC - UPDATED MARCH 2025													
Title	First Name	Last Name	Role	Remunerated employment, office, profession, etc.	Remunerated Directorships	Client(s) for whom services are provided relevant to the Council's interests	Gifts, benefits and hospitality arising from Council membership – to be reported as soon as reasonably practical	Significant shareholdings in a private company, which might give rise to a conflict of interest or trust	Miscellaneous and unremunerated interests, for example honorary positions	Family Interest - relevant and known interests of spouse, partner and close family which might give rise to a conflict of interest or trust	Political Activity	Name of Party for which activity was undertaken, if applicable	Details of Political Involvement, if applicable
Professor	Julian	Jones	Chair	Senior Deputy Principal, Heriot-Watt University	Director of OptoSci Ltd, but not remunerated	N/A	N/A	I have investment portfolios managed by Schroders and Rathbones, but I have no personal involvement in selection of the companies in which they invest.	GEN Biotechnology Editorial Advisory Board	Wife, Anita Jones, is a Professor of Chemistry at the University of Edinburgh	N/A	N/A	
Professor	Qammer	Abbasi	Member	Professor, James Watt School of Engineering, University of Glasgow; DSIT Policy Advisor (secondment)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	IEEE Voluntary Roles (e.g., Chair IEEE AP-S'Y P Committee, Chair IEEE AP/MTT UK/Ireland Chapter)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Professor	Lisa	Boden	Member	Head of R(D)SVS and Dean of Veterinary Medicine, University of Edinburgh	Co-Director of EPIC, Scottish Government's Centre of Expertise on Animal Disease Outbreaks.	N/A	N/A	N/A	Advisory Board of SynBioUK	Ex husband is Head of Vet School at the University of Bristol.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Professor	Simon	Dobson	Member	Professor of Computer Science, University of St Andrews	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Made a recordable donation to a political party	Scottish National Party	Professor Dobson is a subscription-paying member, but has not conducted any political activity for the SNP or other parties.
Dr	Kate	Donovan	Member	Senior Lecturer, University of Edinburgh	Climatechange Policy Director and Co-Director Edinburgh Climate Change Institute	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Professor	Gareth	Harrison	Member	Bert Whittington Chair, University of Edinburgh	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Professor	Louise	Horsfall	Member	Prof of Sustainable Biotechnology at The University of Edinburgh BBSRC SAP member EPSRC SAT member Chair of the Advisory Council for the Carbon Technology Research Foundation	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Executive Board member of the European Federation of Biotechnology (EFB) Advisory Board of the European Synthetic Biology Society (EUSynBio) Advisory Board of SynBioUK GEN Biotechnology Editorial Advisory Board External Scientific Advisor to Star Helix Ltd. and Nibeenebe Ltd.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Professor	Julie	Jacko	Member	University of Edinburgh, College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine,	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dr	Graham	Kerr	Member	Technical Director – CENSIS, University of Glasgow and Professor in Science and Medicine, University of Edinburgh.	N/A	CENSIS offers consultancy services to Academic, Industrial and Public Sector organisations.	N/A	N/A	Advisory Board of the European Synthetic Biology Society (EUSynBio)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Professor	Russel	Morris	Member	Professor of Chemistry, University of Edinburgh	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Chair of Governors, Dollar Academy	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Professor	Nick	Owens	Member	Executive Director – Scottish Association for Marine Science Vice-Principal Research & Innovation –	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Wife is a professor at the University of East Anglia	N/A	N/A	N/A
Professor	Martyn	Pickersgill	Member	Personal Chair of the Sociology of Science and Medicine, University of Edinburgh. Occasional ad hoc paid work for funders, publishers, and other	N/A	The University of Edinburgh.	N/A	N/A	Member of the ESRC Strategic Advisory Network, alongside other positions in relation to UKRI (e.g., panel membership).	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Professor	Murray	Roberts	Member	Professor Applied Marine Biology and Ecology, University of Edinburgh, UK	Director, Mara Consultants Ltd	Joint Nature Conservation Committee, BirdLife International, IOC-UNESCO	N/A	N/A	Sargasso Sea Commissioner (2022-2025); Programme Advisory Board UN Ocean Decade Cultural Heritage Framework Programme	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Professor	Ilor	Samuel	Member	Professor and employee, University of St Andrews	N/A	N/A	N/A	Founder and shareholder in Lustre Skin Ltd.	Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, the Institute of Physics, the Royal Society of Chemistry, and SPIE.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Professor	Melanie	Simms	Member	Professor of Work and Employment, University of Glasgow	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Fellow of British Universities Industrial Relations Association; Academic Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development; Elected Fellow of Royal Society of Arts; ESRC Panel member for various schemes including Doctoral Training Partnerships; ESRC Reviewer for several schemes including Future Leaders Fellowships; Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland – Panel member	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Professor	Deborah	Williamson	Member	Full-time academic at University of St Andrews. Seconded one day/week to University of Strathclyde	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Honorary position at UKHSA. Honorary position at University of Melbourne.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dr	Evgenia	Yakushina	Member	Principal Knowledge-Exchange Fellow, University of Strathclyde	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dr	Connor	Blair	Associate Member	(1) Research Fellow – University of Glasgow (2) Co-founder & Chief Scientific Officer – Disruptix	N/A	This contract buys out 7% of my salary.	N/A	Co-founder and director of Disruptix Therapeutics Ltd	External Scientific Advisor to Star Helix Ltd. and Nibeenebe Ltd.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dr	Alexander	Browne	Associate Member	N/A - Dr Browne currently has an unpaid, visiting position at the	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dr	Kirsten	Jenkins	Associate Member	Senior Lecturer, University of Edinburgh; External Examiner, SOAS University of London; Panel Member, Fuel Poverty Advisory Panel, Scottish Government; Adviser, Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, Scottish Parliament; Managing Editor Energy	N/A	Panel Member, Fuel Poverty Advisory Panel, Scottish Government; Adviser, Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, Scottish Parliament	N/A	N/A	Visiting Fellowship, Durham Energy Institute, University of Durham; Visiting Fellowship, Kleinman Centre for Energy Policy, University of Pennsylvania (2024-2025 only)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A