

POLICY ON CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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A list of Conflicts of Interests is held by the Honorary Secretary. Each Trustee is asked to update their record before the first meeting of the academic year, and the register is considered annually by the Secretary's Committee at their first meeting of the academic year. Any concerns are reported to Council.

Trustees are asked to consider as a potential conflict of interest anything that may influence their decision making for the Society, such as a financial conflicts (for instance having a financial interest in any body that supplies goods or services to the Society), loyalty conflicts (such as a formal role in a charity in a related field, or involvement in publications that may be deemed to compete with those of the Society) or any other interest that may be deemed to conflict with the interests of the Society. Trustees are encouraged to be inclusive when they consider potential conflicts of interest.

Specific conflicts of interest are also recorded in relation to, for instance, the award of Masters Bursaries or the Robins Prize.

In line with the Articles of Association of the Philological Society, no Trustee or Company Director is paid for their service in this capacity or in the capacity of an officer of the Society. However, a Trustee or Company Director may be contracted to carry out a specific task or project for which they have the appropriate skills. In this situation the arrangement will be approved by Council and it will be recorded in the list of potential conflicts of interest.