# Dr Justin Varney - FSA Board Member

Outlines the professional history of our Board Members and gives details of any business interests they may have in order to ensure transparency.

Dr Justin Varney is the Director of Public Health for Birmingham City Council, leading the work to protect and improve the health and wellbeing of the, approximately, 1.2 million citizens of England’s second city. Since joining Birmingham he has led a significant programme of work to

take forward the creation of a new strategy for Creating a Healthier Food City, supported politicians to launch the new Global City Food Justice Pledge, and worked with the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact and Delice Network on food systems and strategy with other global cities.

Justin's previous roles include National Lead for Adult Health and Wellbeing at Public Health England, Thinker in Residence at the University of Sydney and Policy Lead for Business in the Community, the Prince of Wales' Business Charity.

Dr Varney originally trained in general practice before specialising in Public Health and has worked at local, regional, national and international levels of the public health system. He holds an honorary chair at the University of Birmingham and honorary fellowship of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine, as well as honorary doctorates from several universities for his work in the COVID-19 pandemic.

Justin has a special interest in diversity and inclusion, previously holding regional and national advisory roles to several public sector bodies on diversity, and has published research and key documents on both ethnic and sexual orientation diversity.

Justin lives with his husband, a local GP, in Birmingham.

# Personal Interests

### Consultancies and/or direct employment

- Birmingham City Council (Employer)

### Unpaid Roles:

- None

# Fee-paid work:

- Atheneum Consultancy (Ad hoc associate work)

### Shareholdings:

- None

### Clubs and other organisations:

- Gay & Lesbian Association of Doctors and Dentists (GLADD)
- Slow Food Birmingham
- Land Trust Health Advisory Board
- Council for Health and Work – Independent Advisor
- Milan Urban Food Policy Pact – European Secretariat Seat (Birmingham)

### Other personal interests:

- Equality, diversity and inclusion
- Food systems work

## Fellowships

- None

### Indirect support

- None

### Trusteeships

- None

### Land and property

- None

### Other public appointments

- None

## Non-personal interests

- None