

# **CITY AND COUNTY OF CARDIFF DINAS A SIR CAERDYDD**

**STANDARDS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE: 27 JANUARY 2009**

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**REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER AGENDA ITEM: 4**

## **REGISTRATION OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY - REVIEW**

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### **Reason for this Report**

1. To provide the Committee with information on registrations of gifts and hospitality received by Members; to enable the Committee to review the same; and to consider any comments or observations it considers appropriate in this regard.

### **Background**

2. Under the Members' and Officers' Codes of Conduct, Members and Officers are required to register any gifts, hospitality or other benefits where the value of the item or benefits exceeds an amount determined by the Council from time to time. Employees are additionally required to obtain formal authorisation from the Council before accepting gifts, hospitality or other benefits (Members' Code of Conduct Part 4 paragraph 17; Employees' Code of Conduct paragraph 8; and Guidance issued by the Council under the Code of Conduct for Members and Employees on Hospitality, Gifts and Other Benefits - 'the Council's Guidance').
3. The Standards and Ethics Committee has previously considered the Council's thresholds for registration of gifts and hospitality; and on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2007 resolved to recommend to Council the reduction of the threshold to £25 (in line with the threshold set for all local authorities in England by the Standards Board for England).
4. The Council approved the Committee's recommendation on 18th October 2007, reducing the threshold for registration of gifts and hospitality to £25, and the Council's Guidance was amended accordingly.
5. The Committee has resolved to review this matter by considering regular six monthly reports summarising details of registrations. At its meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2008 the Committee considered registrations during the period 18<sup>th</sup> October 2007 to 17<sup>th</sup> April 2008.

## Issues

6. The Register of Members' Gifts and Hospitality held by the Clerk to the Council on behalf of the Monitoring Officer shows the registrations set out in **Appendix A** during the period 18<sup>th</sup> April 2008 – 17<sup>th</sup> October 2008.
7. The Committee is invited to review the information presented in this report and to make any comments it considers appropriate in this regard.

## ADVICE

This report has been prepared by the Monitoring Officer. It contains all the information necessary to allow Members to arrive at a reasonable view, taking into account the advice contained in this section.

### Legal Implications

The relevant legal provisions and the implications of these are contained within the body of this report.

### Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

## RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee notes the information supplied on registration of Members' gifts and hospitality during the period 18<sup>th</sup> April 2008 – 17<sup>th</sup> October 2008; and makes any comments it considers appropriate.

**Kate Berry**

**Monitoring Officer and City and County Solicitor**

20<sup>th</sup> January 2009

### **Background Papers**

Monitoring Officer's Reports to Standards & Ethics Committee 'Registration of Gifts and Hospitality' dated 5 October 2006; 22 May 2007 (considered at the Committee meeting on 05/06/07); 17 July 2007; 18 September 2007; and 24 June 2008, and minutes in respect thereof.

Report to Council 'Registration of Gifts and Hospitality' dated 18 October 2007; and minutes in respect thereof.

Cardiff Council Members' Code of Conduct

Cardiff Council Employees' Code of Conduct

Cardiff Council Guidance Issued under the Code of Conduct for Members and Employees' Hospitality, Gifts and Other Benefits' (October 2007)

## Appendix A

### Registrations of gifts and hospitality received by Members 18<sup>th</sup> April 2008 to 17<sup>th</sup> October 2008

	Date	Councillor	Provider of Hospitality/Gift	Nature/Purpose of Hospitality
1	22/4/08	Bird	UWIC	Military Dinner
2	24/4/08	Bird	Artes Mundi	Prize giving Dinner
3	25/4/08	Bird	Soroptomist International	Presidents Dinner
4	29/4/08	Woodman	Wales and West Housing Association	Bunch of flowers and desk clock for opening housing development in Trowbridge
5	7/5/08	Bird	Royal Welsh Regiment	Commanding officer dinner
6	8/5/08	Bird	Cardiff University	Innovation Network Dinner
7	9/5/08	Bird	Rotary Club	Annual Dinner
8	9/5/08	Salway	Wales Football Trust	Dinner
9	13/5/08	Patel	The Holocaust Educational Trust	Day visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration Camps with 6 <sup>th</sup> Form students from Cardiff to increase knowledge and understanding of the WWII holocaust.
10	13/5/08	Richard Cook	The Holocaust Educational Trust	Day visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration Camps with 6 <sup>th</sup> Form students from Cardiff to increase knowledge and understanding of the WWII holocaust.
11	17/5/08	Berman	Cardiff City Football Club	2 tickets to FA Cup Final including lunch and post match hospitality
12	17/5/08	Bird	Cardiff City FC	FA Cup Final Match ticket and other hospitality
13	19/5/08	Lloyd	Royal Horticultural Society	Entry and luncheon at Chelsea Flower Show
14	22/5/08	Berman	University of Wales Institute	Presidents' Banquet 2008 Dinner held to mark the Lord Mayor's Presidency of UWIC
15	22/5/08	Lloyd	UWIC	President's Dinner
16	22/5/08	Woodman	UWIC	Invitation to banquet 2008 self and guest
17	23/5/08	Berman	Western Mail and Echo	11 <sup>th</sup> Annual Celebratory Awards Ceremony and gala dinner to celebrate the Western Mail Business in Wales Awards including VIP drinks reception, dinner and presentation of awards x 2
18	23/5/08	Lloyd	Chairman Heineken Cup	Chairman's Dinner
19	23/5/08	Woodman	ERC Limited 35-38 St Stephens Green Dublin	Official dinner on eve of Heineken Cup 2008 at National Museum in Cardiff
20	23-24/5/08	Howells	Derek McGrath Chief Executive European Rugby Cup Ltd	Tickets and pre and post match hospitality on the occasion of the Heineken Cup Final at the Millennium Stadium on the weekend of 24 May 2008.
21	24/5/08	Lloyd	Chairman Heineken Cup	Match ticket and other hospitality

22	24/5/08	Woodman	ERC Limited 35-38 St Stephens Green Dublin	Lunch and post match reception, 1 ticket for match – Heineken Cup 2008 at Millennium Stadium
23	29/5/08	Lloyd	Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant	Dinner for retiring Lord Lieutenant
24	4/6/08	Lloyd	Faculty of Public Health Cardiff University	Annual Dinner
25	5/6/08	Lloyd	Welsh Assembly Government	Lesotho Dinner in presence of HRH
26	5/6/08	Singh	Welsh Assembly Government	Dinner in honour of the Lord Mayor of London
27	6/6/08	Lloyd	UWIC	Nurturing and Sustaining the Best Dinner
28	7/6/08	Lloyd	Welsh Livery Guild	Banquet
29	15/6/08	Lloyd	Mayor of Torfaen	Civic service and dinner
30	16/6/08	Berman	Welsh Singers Competition 2008	Two tickets for the Welsh Singers Competition 2008 at St David's Hall
31	16/6/08	Lloyd	Welsh Singers	Welsh singers competition concert
32	19/6/08	Lloyd	George Thomas Hospice	Celebrity Ladies Ascot Dinner
33	20/6/08	Jones-Pritchard	G E Healthcare	Invitation to charity dinner in aid of Bobath Value £70
34	20/6/08	McKerlich	G E Healthcare	Charity Dinner in City Hall – value £70 I am on the Liaison Committee of this company, having been appointed by the Council
35	29/6/08	Berman	The Prince's Trust	2 tickets for the performance of "Three Other Tenors" by the Midsummer Festival of Music and Theatre, Duffryn Gardens, plus reception
36	7/7/08	Lloyd	Rotary Club of Cardiff	Annual Inaugural Presidents Dinner
37	10/7/08	Berman	Federation of Small Businesses	British Small Businesses Champion Awards presentation dinner at St David's Hotel and Spa
38	10/7/08	Lloyd	UWIC	Fellows Dinner
39	10/7/08	Robson	University of Wales Institute Cardiff	Attended the UWIC Fellows dinner as a guest of Cllr Jayne Cowan
40	10/7/08	Woodman	University of Wales Institute Cardiff	Fellows Dinner, St David's Hotel and Spa self and guest
41	15/7/08	Lloyd	Cardiff University	Graduation Dinner
42	21/7/08	Lloyd	President of Royal Welsh Show	Show and Luncheon
43	26/7/08	Lloyd	BBC	Reception and Last Night of the Proms
44	26/7/08	Singh	Royal Welsh Regiment	Regimental Dinner
45	1/8/08	Berman	National Eisteddfod	National Eisteddfod Opening Ceremony and Concert (2 tickets).
46	4/8/08	Berman	BBC Wales	Verdi's Requiem with Bryn Terfel and the BBC National Orchestra and Chorus of Wales (2 tickets). With reception and buffet.
47	4/8/08	Howells	National Eisteddfod	Tickets and hospitality to the performance of Verdi's Requiem
48	5/8/08	Woodman	National Eisteddfod	2 tickets to Ray Gravell Tribute concert
49	5/8/08	Howells	National Eisteddfod	Tickets to the Ray Gravell Tribute Concert
50	6/8/08	Lloyd	XK60 Diamond Club	Gala Dinner
51	7/8/08	Berman	National Eisteddfod	National Eisteddfod C Factor Concert (2 tickets)
52	8/8/08	Lloyd	Lord Provost of Edinburgh	Ticket to the Edinburgh Tattoo
53	9/8/08	Berman	National Eisteddfod	Karl Jenkins and the Eisteddfod Choir (2 tickets)
54	9/8/08	Lloyd	Lord Provost of Edinburgh	2 night overnight stays at the George Hotel in Edinburgh

55	9/8/08	Howells	National Eisteddfod	Tickets for the final night concert (Karl Jenkins and the Eisteddfod Choir)
56	15/8/08	Woodman	Hindi Cultural Association	India Independence Day Celebrations and Dinner Self and guest
57	23/8/08	Woodman	Vilma Patel Avalon Beach Road Sully	2 x saris for use at Hindi events
58	4/9/08	Berman	UDiTE Congress	Speaking at the UDiTE Congress Welcome Dinner at St David's Hotel and Spa
59	5/9/08	Lloyd	UDiTE Congress	Gala dinner at St David's Hotel and Spa
60	6/9/08	Dianne Rees	Football Association of Wales	Two tickets and hospitality to Wales V Azerbaijan on 6 September 2008. Value unknown.
61	6/9/08	Hyde	Football Association of Wales	Two tickets and hospitality to Wales V Azerbaijan on 6 September 2008
62	6/9/08	Woodman	Football Association of Wales	Two tickets and hospitality to Wales V Azerbaijan on 6 September 2008
63	7/9/08	Woodman	Chairman of Cardiff Devils	Hospitality and 2 tickets Cardiff Devils V Sheffield Steelers
64	9/09/08	Berman	Laing O'Rouke	Framed photograph of new stadium presented at the Topping Out Ceremony
65	9/9/08	Woodman	Shannon Hope Cardiff Devils Director	Framed Cardiff Devils shirt
66	11/9/08	Lloyd	GD2008	Conference Banquet
67	12/9/08	Lloyd	George Thomas Hospice	Gala Dinner
68	16/9/08	Berman	Sherman Cymru	Performance of Deep Cut at the Sherman Theatre (2 tickets) with drinks and light refreshments
69	19/9/08	Berman	Diversions Dance Company	Performance of Silver: Autumn in Cardiff at the Wales Millennium Centre (2 tickets) with post performance drinks
70	6/10/08	Berman	Cardiff Business Club	Dinner in honour of Francis Salway, Group Chief Executive, Land Securities Group Plc at St David's Hotel and Spa
71	6/10/08	Bowden	Fragrant 227 Pantbach Rd, Cardiff	A scented candle made by Annick Goutal as a thank you gift for helping the owner of the clinic with providing a client testimonial for a publicity item in a local magazine. I have been a client of the clinic for over 10 years and know the owner very well. I don't know the value of the candle but am taking the precaution of registering the gift.
72	11/10/08	Hyde	Football Association of Wales	Three tickets and hospitality to Wales V Liechtenstein on 11 October 2008
73	11/10/08	Woodman	Football Association of Wales	Hospitality and tickets(x2) Wales V Liechtenstein
74	11/10/08	Jerrett	Football Association of Wales	Football International Wales v Liechtenstein – 3 tickets
75	13/10/08	Singh	Retired and Senior Volunteer Programme in Wales	20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner
76	15/10/08	Berman	Wales Theatre Company	Performance of Romeo and Juliet at the New Theatre (2 tickets) with refreshments after the performance
77	17/10/08	Woodman	Solas 49 George Street Newport	Black and White Ball Chepstow Racecourse x 2