

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

**STANDARDS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE: 29 SEPTEMBER 2009**

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**REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER AGENDA ITEM: 6**

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

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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 information; 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 27 January 2009 the Committee considered registrations during the period 18 April 2008 to 17 October 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 19 October 2008 to 17 April 2009.
7. Concern has been raised by an elected Member, Councillor Dianne Rees, Deputy Leader of the Conservative Group, regarding the “unwanted and unwarranted” press attention resulting from registration of hospitality. A copy of an article published in the South Wales Echo on 2 September 2009 is attached as **Appendix B** and the Member has indicated that she therefore intends to decline all invitations involving hospitality.
8. 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 19 October 2008 to 17 April 2009; and makes any comments it considers appropriate.

**Kate Berry**

**Monitoring Officer and City and County Solicitor**

23 September 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, 29 January 2009 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)



## MEMBERS HOSPITALITY 19 OCTOBER 2008 TO 17 APRIL 2009

<b>Date</b>	<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Provider of Hospitality/Gift</b>	<b>Nature/Purpose of Hospitality</b>
19/10/08	Berman	Cardiff University	125th Anniversary Gala Concert – 2 tickets
22/10/08	Berman	South Wales Echo	Community Champion Awards at City Hall – drinks reception and lunch
22/10/08	Woodman	Mike Hill Editor South Wales Echo	Echo Community Champion Awards drinks reception and lunch and ceremony
29/10/08	Woodman	Princes Trust Cymru	Dinner self and guest, awards ceremony, City Hall
30/10/08	Howells	Cardiff Hoteliers Association	Hospitality at the Cardiff Hoteliers Association Annual Ball
31/10/08	Woodman	BVSNW Crichton House Mount Stuart Square	Wooden carving of Masai warriors for work/attending at Diversity Wales Awards
2/11/08	McEvoy	Xiamen Peoples Congress Xiamen University	Piano from Xiamen Peoples Congress Shield from Xiamen University
6/11/08	Berman	Cardiff Commercial Property Forum	Lunch and delivery keynote address
7/11/08	Woodman	Commanding Officer Wales Universities Officers Training Corps	Annual South Regimental Dinner
8/11/08	Berman	Wales Rugby Union	Wales V South Africa Rugby Match at the Millennium Stadium – pre-match lunch and post match reception x2
8/11/08	McEvoy	Welsh Rugby Union	Wales V South Africa – Tickets x 2 Pre-match lunch and post match reception
8/11/08	Woodman	Welsh Rugby Union	Hospitality and Match tickets x 2 Wales V South Africa
8/11/08	Lloyd	Welsh Rugby Union	Wales V South Africa rugby match Match ticket and other hospitality
8/11/08	Howells	Welsh Rugby Union	Tickets in capacity as a Director of the Millennium Stadium Plc to attend the Wales V South Africa rugby match with pre and post match hospitality
10/11/08	Lloyd	Wales Quality Centre	Wales and Innovation Awards - Dinner
13/11/08	McEvoy	Protocol Office	Civic Dinner in Honour of His Majesty King Letsie III King of the Kingdom of Lesotho.
14/11/08	McEvoy	Welsh Rugby Union	Wales V Canada – Tickets x 2 Pre-match Dinner and Post Match Reception
14/11/08	Singh	Welsh Rugby Union	Match ticket and other hospitality
14/11/08	Woodman	Welsh Rugby Union	Hospitality and Match tickets x 2 Wales V Canada
14/11/08	Howells	Welsh Rugby Union	Tickets in capacity as a Director of the Millennium Stadium Plc to attend the Wales V Canada rugby match with pre and post match hospitality
17/11/08	Lloyd	Cardiff Business Club	Dinner in honour of Peter Kendall
18/11/08	Berman	BBC Trust	Informal dinner at St David's Hotel with Michael Lyons, Chairman of the BBC
19/11/08	Woodman	Cardiff Marriot Hotel	Hospitality event for opening of new brasserie
19/11/08	Howells	Marriot Hotel	Hospitality at the official opening of the

			Centrale Brasserie
21/11/08	Lloyd	Western Mail	Welsh Woman of the Year Awards – Dinner
21/11/08	Berman	Western Mail	Welsh Woman of the Year Awards – Ceremony and dinner
22/11/08	McEvoy	Welsh Rugby Union	Wales V New Zealand match tickets x 2 Pre match dinner Post match reception
22/11/08	Woodman	Welsh Rugby Union	Hospitality and match tickets Wales V New Zealand
22/11/08	Lloyd	Welsh Rugby Union	Wales V New Zealand Rugby Match Match ticket and other hospitality
22/11/08	Howells	Welsh Rugby Union	Tickets in capacity as a Director of the Millennium Stadium Plc to attend the Wales V New Zealand rugby match with pre and post match hospitality
24/11/08	McEvoy	Wales and West Community Bank	The Welsh Economy – Challenges and Opportunities Private Dinner
27/11/08	Lloyd	City and County of Swansea	Civic Heads Dinner
27/11/08	Howells	UWIC	Attended dinner at UWIC's Celtic Suite on Colchester Avenue. Guest speaker on the theme "Beijing to London 2012 and Beyond"
28/11/08	Woodman	Wales and West Housing Association	Dinner and Awards Ceremony, Mecure Holland House Hotel
28/11/08	Berman	Orchestra Europa	Gala launch
29/11/08	Woodman	Welsh Rugby Union	Hospitality and match tickets Wales V Australia
29/11/08	Howells	Wales Rugby Union	Tickets in capacity as a Director of the Millennium Stadium Plc to attend the Wales V Australia rugby match with pre and post match hospitality
4/12/08	Howells	Andrew Coe International Motor Sport Ltd	Attended various stages of the 2008 Wales Rally GB as a representative of the Council. Duties included participating at the Ceremonial Start.
5/12/08	Woodman	Sherman Theatre	Tickets (x4) Snow Queen
6/12/08	Berman	Wales Rally GB	Two tickets for Super Special Stage including reception and buffet supper
7/12/08	Berman	Wales Rally GB	Hospitality at the Walters Arena including breakfast, brunch, helicopter transport and access to Service Park (x2)
9/12/08	Berman	WLGA/Excellence Wales	Welsh Politician of the Year Awards – reception and dinner at City Hall
15/12/08	Lloyd	The Lord's Taverners	Christmas Luncheon
17/12/08	McEvoy	Cardiff Council	Trade Union Reception
18/12/08	Berman	Cardiff Business Community	Christmas lunch
19/12/08	Lloyd	Mayor Newport	Civic Dinner
19/12/08	McEvoy	Cardiff Business Community	Christmas Business Lunch
05/01/09	Berman	Cardiff Business Club	Dinner in Honour of Sir John Chisholm, Chairman of QinetiQ
23/01/09	Berman	Diversions,	Launch of Spring Programme – Bitter Suite

		Dance Company of Wales	
02/02/09	Lloyd	Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, London	Lunch in celebration of the year of the ox
02/02/09	Woodman	Cardiff Devils Ice Hockey	Cardiff Devils Ladies Night Holland House Mecure Hotel
05/02/09	McEvoy	Contact Centre Forum Ltd	Welsh Contact Centre Awards Fantasy Ball
08/02/09	Howells	BAFTA Cymru	Ticket and hospitality at the BAFTA Film Awards
09/02/09	Berman	Cardiff Business Club	Dinner in honour of Jorma Ollila, Chairman of Shell and Nokia
09/02/09	McEvoy	The Government of Hong Kong	Lunch in celebration of the Year of the Ox
13/02/09	Lloyd	Mayor of Neath Port Talbot CBC	Civic Heads Dinner
14/02/09	Howells	WRU	Tickets in capacity as a Director of the Millennium Stadium to attend Wales V England rugby match with pre and post match hospitality
14/02/09	Lloyd	WRU	Wales V England 6 Nations Rugby Match
14/02/09	Lloyd	Arthritis Research Campaign	St Valentines Dinner and Ball
15/02/09	McEvoy	Protocol Office	A Dinner in honour of "Only Men Allowed"
20/02/09	Lloyd	Chair of Carmarthen CC	Civic Heads Dinner
23/02/09	Lloyd	Cardiff Business Club	Dinner in honour of Sir Michael Lyons
23/02/09	McEvoy	Cardiff Business Club	Cardiff Business Club Dinner
28/02/09	Lloyd	Royal Welsh Regiment	St Davids Day Dinner
01/03/09	McEvoy	Protocol Office	St David's Day Dinner
06/03/09	Lloyd	Bridgend Borough Council	Civic Heads Dinner
09/03/09	Howells	UWIC	Dinner at a meeting of the Cardiff Business Club Guest speaker Charles Samarez Smith, Director, The Royal Academy
09/03/09	Lloyd	Cardiff Business Club	Dinner in honour of Charles Samarez Smith
10/03/09	Berman	Earthfall Wales	Production of Gravitas x 2
20/03/09	Lloyd	Caerphilly Borough Council	Civic Heads Dinner
21/03/09	Howells	Welsh Rugby Union	Tickets in capacity as a Director of the Millennium Stadium Plc, to attend the Wales V Ireland rugby match with pre and post match hospitality
21/03/09	Lloyd	Welsh Rugby Union	Wales V Ireland RBS Six Nations Match tickets
23/03/09	Howells	Cardiff Devils	Attended the Annual Awards Dinner at the Mercure Hotel, Cardiff. Presented an award for the work in the community.

23/03/09	Woodman	Cardiff Devils	Awards Dinner – End of Season Holland House Mecure Hotel, Newport Road Drinks reception and dinner
26/03/09	Lloyd	Newport City Council	Civic Heads Dinner
27/03/09	Lloyd	Merthyr Borough Council	Civic Heads Dinner
27/03/09	McEvoy	Cardiff Council Protocol Office	Finland FA Luncheon Wales V Finland Match ticket
28/03/09	Howells	Institute of Sport and Recreation Management	Attended the Annual Dinner at the Copthorne Hotel, Cardiff. Accepted an award on behalf of Cardiff Council.
28/03/09	Hyde	Football Association of Wales	Tickets and hospitality – Wales V Finland
28/03/09	Jerrett	Football Association of Wales	Wales V Finland – 3 tickets
01/04/09	Aubrey	Football Association for Wales	One ticket, Wales V Germany International Football at the Millennium Stadium
01/04/09	Cook, Richard	Football Association of Wales	Ticket to Wales V Germany football international
01/04/09	Cox	Football Association of Wales	Wales V Germany
01/04/09	Hudson	Football Association of Wales	2 x tickets for Wales/Germany Football Match Wednesday 1 April 2009
01/04/09	Hyde	Football Association of Wales	Tickets and hospitality – Wales V Germany
01/04/09	Jerrett	Football Association of Wales	Wales V Germany – 2 tickets
01/04/09	Lloyd	Football Association of Wales	Wales V Germany Fifa World Cup Football Match - Football ticket and associated hospitality
03/04/09	Lloyd	Mayor of Torfaen	Civic Heads Dinner – Reception and Dinner
11/04/09	Howells	Cardiff Blues RFC	Tickets to attend Cardiff Blues V Toulouse rugby match with pre match hospitality
11/04/09	Woodman	Cardiff Blues RFC	Pre match hospitality x 2 Tickets x 2 Post Match hospitality x 2 Cardiff Blues V Toulouse Heineken Cup Final 2009
17/04/09	Lloyd	Royal Horticultural Society	RHS Show – show tickets and luncheon