

STANDARDS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE: 22 SEPTEMBER 2015

REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

REGISTRATION OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY

Reason for this Report

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

Background

2. In accordance with the respective Codes of Conduct, Members and Officers are required to register the receipt of 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. The current threshold for receipt of gifts and hospitality is £25.00, as set out in the Council's Guidance on Hospitality, Gifts and Other Benefits Received by Members – **Appendix A** to this report.
3. The Committee has resolved to review this matter by considering regular reports providing details of registrations.
4. At its meeting on 23rd July 2014, the Committee considered gifts and hospitality registered during the period from October 2013 to June 2014.

Issues

5. The Register of Members' Gifts and Hospitality held by the Democratic Services Manager on behalf of the Monitoring Officer shows the registrations set out in **Appendix B** for the period from 1st July 2014 to date (16th September 2015).
6. The Committee is invited to review the information presented in this report and **Appendix B**, and to make any comments it considers appropriate in this regard.

Legal Implications

7. There are no legal implications arising directly from the recommendations of this report.

Financial Implications

8. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee notes the information supplied at **Appendix B** on the registration of Members' hospitality, gifts and other benefits during the period from 1st July 2014 to date (16th September 2015) and makes any comments it considers appropriate.

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16 September 2015

APPENDICES

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| Appendix A | Guidance on Hospitality, Gifts and Other Benefits Received by Members (with Members Registration Form) |
| Appendix B | Register of Member's Hospitality, Gifts & Other Benefits, 1 July 2014 to date (16 th September 2015) |

Background papers

Report to Standards & Ethics Committee, 'Registration of Gifts and Hospitality', 23 July 2014; and minutes thereof