



STANDARDS COMMITTEE – 4TH NOVEMBER 2015

SUBJECT: MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF GIFTS & HOSPITALITY JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 2015 - INFORMATION ITEM

REPORT BY: INTERIM HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES/MONITORING OFFICER

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise Members of the Standards Committee of the gifts and hospitality declared by elected Members for the period 1st January to 30th September 2015.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 Attached at Appendix 1 is a list of gifts and hospitality declared by elected Members for the period 1st January to 30th September 2015.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 The Authority acting through this Committee has an obligation to maintain high standards and probity and conduct throughout the Council and the Community Councils within the County Borough area.

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 Following a report to the Standards Committee on 3rd October, 2013, Members will be aware that as part of the drive to strengthen governance arrangements across the Authority, the informal arrangements of reporting gifts and hospitality declared by elected Members has been replaced by the presentation of a quarterly report to the Standards Committee. Quarterly reports have proved unnecessary as the numbers of gifts declared has been very low.
- 4.2 The Standards Committee last received a report on Members Declarations of Gifts and Hospitality at the meeting held on the 2nd March, 2015 which related to declarations for the period 1st January 2014 to 31st December, 2014.
- 4.3 The Appendix attached lists the gifts and hospitality as declared by elected Members for the period 1st January 2015 to 30th September 2015. Members will note that there has been only one declaration and this was received in September 2015.

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None. This report is for information only.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 None. This report is for information only.

7. PERSONAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 None. This report is for information only.

8. CONSULTATIONS

8.1 None. This report has been prepared for information only.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 None this is an information item only.

10. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 None this is an information item only.

11. STATUTORY POWER

11.1 Local Government Act 1972 and 2000.

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Background Papers:
Report to Standards Committee 3rd October, 2013

Appendices:
Appendix 1 Members Declarations of Gifts and Hospitality