



## **AUDIT COMMITTEE – 9TH MARCH 2016**

**SUBJECT: OFFICERS DECLARATIONS OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY**

**REPORT BY: ACTING HEAD OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 Quarterly report to advise members of the Audit Committee of the Gifts and Hospitality declared by officers for the period October to December 2015.

### **2. SUMMARY**

- 2.1 Attached as Appendix 1, is a list of Gifts and Hospitality received by officers of the Council for the 3 months 1 October to 31 December 2015.

### **3. LINKS TO STRATEGY**

- 3.1 The Council acting through this Committee has an obligation to maintain high standards, probity and conduct throughout its workforce.

### **4 THE REPORT**

- 4.1 Heads of Service provide data on a monthly basis to the Acting Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development for collation and monitoring purposes.
- 4.2 The Acting Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development will continue to monitor the returns and work with Heads of Service to improve their understanding and corporate compliance to the policy.

### **5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 None.

### **6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 None.

### **7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 The Acting Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development will continue to monitor the declarations to promote best practice and ensure compliance.

## **8. CONSULTATIONS**

- 8.1 There are no consultations that have not been included in the report. The Improving Governance Project Board and Corporate Management team have been consulted on this report.

## **9. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 9.1 The Members of the Audit Committee are asked to note the information provided in Appendix 1.

## **10. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 10.1 To ensure the Audit Committee have an oversight of the position in relation to officers Gifts and Hospitality.

## **11. STATUTORY POWER**

- 11.1 Local Government Act 2000.

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Appendices:  
Appendix 1 Declarations of Gifts and Hospitality