



STANDARDS COMMITTEE – 13TH SEPTEMBER 2018

**SUBJECT: MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF GIFTS & HOSPITALITY
SEPTEMBER 2017 TO AUGUST 2018**

REPORT BY: 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 September 2017 to 31st August 2018.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 Attached at Appendix 1 is a list of gifts and hospitality declared by elected Members for the period 1st September 2017 to 31st August 2018.

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 and to monitor the declarations of Members' gifts and hospitality which thereby contributes to the following Well-being Goals:

- A more equal Wales
- A more globally responsible Wales

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across the Authority, the informal arrangements of reporting gifts and hospitality declared by elected Members has been replaced by the presentation of a quarterly report to the Standards Committee.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 however 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 4th November 2015 which related to declarations for the period 1st January to 30th September 2015.
- 4.3 The Appendix attached lists the gifts and hospitality as declared by elected Members for the period 1st September 2017 to 31st August 2018. Members will note that there have been 3 declarations which were received in January 2018, March 2018 and April 2018.

5. WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS

- 5.1 This report contributes to the Wellbeing Goals as set out in Links to Strategy above as it ensures members participating in democracy maintain high standards and are not unduly influenced when making decisions or recommendations.

6.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 None. This report is for information only.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 None. This report is for information only.

8. PERSONAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 None. This report is for information only.

9. CONSULTATIONS

- 9.1 None. This report has been prepared for information only.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 None this is an information item only.

11. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 11.1 None this is an information item only.

12. STATUTORY POWER

- 12.1 Local Government Act 1972 and 2000.

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Background Papers:
Report to Standards Committee 4th November 2015 and 3rd October 2013

Appendices:
Appendix 1 Members Declarations of Gifts and Hospitality