



STANDARDS COMMITTEE – 2ND MARCH 2015

SUBJECT: ANNUAL REPORT OF MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF GIFTS & HOSPITALITY JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2014 INFORMATION ITEM

REPORT BY: INTERIM HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES AND 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 January to December 2014.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 Attached at Appendix 1 is a list of gifts and hospitality declared by elected Members for the period January to December 2014.

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across the Authority, the informal arrangements of reporting gifts and hospitality declared by elected members has been replaced by the presentation of a quarterly report to the Standards Committee.
- 4.2 The Standards Committee last received a report on Members Declarations of Gifts and Hospitality at the meeting held on 26th February 2014 which related to declarations for the period October to December 2013.
- 4.3 The Appendix attached lists the gifts and hospitality as declared by elected Members for the period January to December 2014. Members will note that there was only one declaration and this was received in the last quarter of last year.

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 POWERS

11.1 Local Government Act 2000.

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Background Papers:
Report to Standards Committee 3rd October 2013

Appendices:
Appendix 1 Members Declarations of Gifts and Hospitality