

## **Standards Committee:**

**Date: 21 OCTOBER 2015**

Agenda item:

Wards: All

## **Subject: Receipt of Gifts and Hospitality by Members**

Lead officer: Paul Evans, Monitoring Officer

Lead member: Chair of Standards Committee, Councillor Peter McCabe

Forward Plan reference number: N/A

Contact officer: Paul Evans

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### **Recommendations:**

A. That the committee considers the extract from the register

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#### **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1.1. To report entries made to the Register of Gifts and Hospitality for members since the last consideration of the register on 23 October 2014

#### **2 DETAILS**

2.1. Entries made to the register since the last report are attached at appendix 1.

2.2. At the Standards Committee on 23 October 2014 it was resolved that “future reports should include an assurance that those councillors who have not declared gifts and hospitality have been contacted to confirm that they had nothing to declare”. This has been done.

#### **3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

3.1. None – it is for the Standards Committee to comment as it sees fit on the contents of the register

#### **4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED**

4.1. None

#### **5 TIMETABLE**

5.1. The register is updated whenever a declaration is made.

#### **6 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS**

6.1. None

#### **7 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

7.1. Members are required by the Code of Conduct to report offers of gifts and hospitality. Failure to report may be a breach of the Code of Conduct.

#### **8 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 There are no specific human rights or equalities issues arising from this report. The requirement to ensure that the Council in conducting its activities

has proper regard to issues relating to human rights and equalities and fair treatment of all people is a significant component of ethical governance.

**9 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

9.1. None

**10 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

10.1. None

**11 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT**

- Appendix 1

**12 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

12.1. None