

North East Derbyshire District Council

Standards Committee

26 January 2022

GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY ANNUAL REPORT

Report of the Solicitor to the Council & Monitoring Officer

Classification: This report is public

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PURPOSE / SUMMARY

To advise the Committee of the details of all entries in the Council's Gifts and Hospitality Register in respect of offers of gifts and hospitality made to Members and officers of the District Council during the period January 2021 to December 2021.

REPORT DETAILS

1 Background

1.1 The Council's Constitution, Part 5 specifies detailed arrangements for the registering of gifts and hospitality made to Members and officers. A copy of the provisions of the Constitution in respect of gifts and hospitality are attached as **Appendix 1** to this report. Details of the entries in the Council's Gifts and Hospitality Register for the period January 2021 to December 2021 are attached as **Appendix 2 (to follow)** to this report.

2. Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation

2.1 It is important that there is a clear process for the recording and reporting of gifts and offers of hospitality offered to Members and officers of the Council.

2.2 The annual reporting of offers of gifts and hospitality made to Members and officers ensures that the Council's performance on this matter is monitored on a regular basis and that any changes in procedure can be introduced if necessary.

3 Consultation and Equality Impact

3.1 The annual reporting of offers of gifts and hospitality made to Members and officers should, together with other measure undertaken by the Council, support the clarity of the reporting process.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 There were no alternative options considered and rejected. The report is submitted for information only.
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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Standards Committee notes the content of this Annual Report for the period January 2021 to December 2021 in respect of offers of gifts and hospitality made to Members and officers.
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IMPLICATIONS

Finance and Risk: Yes No

Details: There are no financial implications arising directly from the content of this report.

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes No

Details: The Council has set a threshold of £25 for the declaration of gifts and hospitality as set out in its Constitution.

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing: Yes No

Details: There are no Human Resources implications arising directly from the content of this report.

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

Decision Information	
<p>Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:</p> <p>BDC: Revenue - £75,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £150,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NEDDC: Revenue - £100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £250,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please indicate which threshold applies</p>	No
<p>Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</p>	No
District Wards Significantly Affected	All
Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework	All
<p>Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Cabinet / Executive <input type="checkbox"/> SAMT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/></p>	No Details:

Links to Council Ambition (BDC)/Council Plan (NED) priorities or Policy Framework including Climate Change, Equalities, and Economics and Health implications.
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DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
1	Extract from the Council's Constitution: Protocol on gifts and hospitality
2	Schedule of Gifts and Hospitality January 2021 to December 2021 – TO FOLLOW
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)	

