

**North East Derbyshire District Council**

**Standards Committee**

**25 February 2026**

**GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY ANNUAL REPORT**

**Report of the Assistant Director of Governance and 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 2025 to December 2025.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the contents of the annual report in respect of offers of gifts and hospitality made to Members and officers for the period January 2025 to December 2025, be noted.

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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

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**Legal (including Data Protection):** Yes  No

**Details:** The Council has a threshold of £50 for the declaration of gifts and hospitality as set out in the Constiution.

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

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**Staffing:** Yes  No

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

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

<b>DECISION INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b> 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:  <b>NEDDC:</b> <b>Revenue - £125,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £310,000 <input type="checkbox"/></b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i>	No
<b>Is the decision subject to Call-In?</b> (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	No
<b>District Wards Significantly Affected</b>	None
<b>Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) details:</b>	
<b>Stage 1 screening undertaken</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Completed EIA stage 1 to be appended if not required to do a stage 2</li></ul>	Not applicable, this report is for information only.
<b>Stage 2 full assessment undertaken</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Completed EIA stage 2 needs to be appended to the report</li></ul>	No, not applicable
<b>Consultation:</b> <b>Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Cabinet <input type="checkbox"/></b> <b>SMT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/></b> <b>Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/></b>	No – not appropriate

**Links to Council Plan priorities;**

- **A great place that cares for the environment**
- **A great place to live well**
- **A great place to work**
- **A great place to access good public services**

All the above as goes to the ethical framework.

## **REPORT DETAILS**

### **1 Background** *(reasons for bringing the report)*

- 1.1 The Council's Constitution details the arrangements for the registering of gifts and hospitality made to Members and officers.

### **2. Details of Proposal or Information**

- 2.1 Details of the entries in the Council's Gifts and Hospitality Register for the period January 2025 to December 2025 are:

- An officer in the Community Safety Team – June 2025 – A bottle of wine, thank you card and a £50 gift voucher. The gift voucher was declined and returned. A bottle of perfume was subsequently gifted. The perfume was accepted but donated to the Chairs Charity.
- An officer in the Community Safety Team – June 2025 – A bottle of wine, thank you card and a £50 gift voucher. The gift voucher was declined and returned. A bottle of aftershave was subsequently gifted. The aftershave was accepted but donated to the Chairs Charity.
- Four officers in Leisure and Facilities – August 2025 – Meal and drinks with design team and contractor to celebrate project completion. Approx. £30 each paid for by Alliance Leisure.
- Councillor Ross Shipman – August 2025 – Corporate box tickets to the Chesterfield FC v MK Dons football match, which included drinks and a meal, on 13 September 2025 from the owner of the Britannia Inn, Tupton. Approx. £55
- Councillor David Hancock – August 2025 – Corporate box tickets to the Chesterfield FC v MK Dons football match, which included drinks and a meal, on 13 September 2025 from the owner of the Britannia Inn, Tupton. Approx. £55
- An officer in the Legal Team – October 2025 – 3 boxes of M&S cupcakes from a member of the public to say thank you. Value £12.
- An officer in Property & Estates – October 2025 - Two bike water bottles, a t-shirt, socks, hat, 2 baseball caps, mud/beaker. Value approx. £10.
- An officer in Environmental Health – October 2025 - Card with £50 enclosed. Gifted by a customer who refused to take it back.
- An Environmental Health Officer – December 2025 - Food and drink hamper. Value approx. £50.

2.2 Some gifts received were below the £50 threshold but were declared for the sake of transparency.

### **3 Reasons for Recommendation**

3.1 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.

3.2 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.

### **4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

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

## **DOCUMENT INFORMATION**

<b>Appendix No</b>	<b>Title</b>
<b>Background Papers</b> (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 you must provide copies of the background papers)	
None	