

GIFTS & HOSPITALITY ANNUAL REPORT

Reporting Officer: Lloyd White, Head of Democratic Services

SUMMARY

This report provides an annual summary of gifts and hospitality accepted by staff and Members. The report on staff declarations is considered annually by the Council's Corporate Management Team and is submitted to Members as part of the annual monitoring of ethical standards within the Authority.

RECOMMENDATION: That the report be noted.

INFORMATION

STAFF

The Council's Golden Rules on gifts and hospitality require Corporate Directors to keep a register of declarations made by staff and for an annual report to be made to Management Team. The summary of declarations by Directorate as submitted to the Corporate Management Team is set out below:

Central Services – Total of 35 declarations

- 21 Offers of hospitality and 14 of gifts
- 4 offers in total were declined.
- 7 gifts were donated to the Mayor's charity. One was donated by the Mayor to a Council officer.
- The majority of gifts were thank you, token gifts.
- The majority of hospitality offers were networking events.

Planning, Environment, Education, Children's Services – Total of 55 declarations

- 31 declarations of gifts and 24 of hospitality.
- 7 gifts were donated to the Mayor's charity.
- 5 offers in total were declined.
- The majority of gifts were thank you, token gifts.
- The majority of hospitality offers were networking events.

Social Care, Health & Housing – Total of 36 declarations

- 29 declarations of gifts and 7 of hospitality.
- 3 offers were shown as declined.
- 7 gifts were donated to the Mayor's charity.
- The majority of gifts were thank you seasonal gifts.

MEMBERS

The Member Code of Conduct requires Members to declare all offers of gifts and hospitality, whether accepted or declined, for registration in a register which is kept available for inspection and on line and in hard copy:

In the past year declarations have been received from:

Councillor Bianco

October 2012 - Britain In Bloom Awards in Guernsey - representing the Council

Councillor Corthorne:

20.01.12 - Ruislip Manor Cottage Society Dinner - £30

Councillor Crowe:

20.01.12 - Ruislip Manor Cottage Society Dinner - £30

Councillor O'Connor:

08.09.12 - Kraft - 2 tickets for Paralympic wheelchair rugby - £15 each - accepted.

Councillor Puddifoot:

22.06.12 - Middlesex Wing RAF Cadets Tatoo - two tickets, less than £25 – accepted

11.08.12 - RAF Northolt, Group Captain O'Brien - invitation to Garden Party @ £25 - accepted

19.11.12 - Lord Coe, LOCOG - copy of London 2012 official commemorative book - £30 – retained

14.12.12 - Ross Faragher, St George's PLC - book, 'A Passion for London' - £50 - donated to Uxbridge Library

Councillor Riley:

20.01.12 - Ruislip Manor Cottage Society Dinner - £30

Councillor Simmonds:

16.04.12 - Andrew Ward, Brunel University - lunch at Rucola Restaurant, Uxbridge - £25