

GIFTS & HOSPITALITY ANNUAL REPORT

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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

OFFICERS

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 for 2014 by Directorate is set out below. During the course of the year the rules on Gifts and Hospitality were reviewed and revised to provide greater clarity for staff about what must be declared. This has resulted in a significant increase in declarations and Heads of Service are now required to approve all offers:

Administration – Total of 50 declarations (15 in 2013):

- 42 offers of hospitality and 8 of gifts
- 19 offers in total were declined.
- 2 gifts were donated to the Mayor's charity.
- The majority of gifts were token thank you gifts (confectionary etc).
- The hospitality offers were either working events or thank you gifts.

Residents Services – Total of 39 declarations (26 in 2013):

- 13 declarations of gifts and 26 of hospitality.
- 4 gifts were donated to the Mayor's charity.
- 9 offers in total were declined.
- The majority of gifts were thank you, token gifts.
- The majority of hospitality offers were working lunches or industry events.

Adult Social Care Services & Children and Young People's Services – Total of 13 declarations (8 in 2013)

- 10 declarations of gifts and 3 of hospitality
- 1 offer was shown as declined.
- 4 gifts were donated to the Mayor's charity.
- The majority of gifts were thank you gifts of relatively minor value.
- The hospitality offers were working lunches or industry events.

Finance – Total of 40 declarations (5 in 2013):

- 8 declarations of gifts and 32 of hospitality.
- 26 offers were shown as declined.
- 2 gifts were donated to the Mayor's charity.
- The majority of gifts were token thank you gifts (confectionary etc).
- The majority of the offers of hospitality were working events.

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 on line and in hard copy:

In 2014 10 declarations (13 in 2013) have been received from:

Councillor Bridges:

1 November 2014 - Hillingdon Abbots Football Club - medal - £20 - accepted.

Councillor Chapman:

1 November 2014 - Hillingdon Abbots Football Club - medal - £20 - accepted.

Councillor Corthorne:

3 December 2014 - Fields in Trust awards dinner and tour of Lords Cricket Ground - approx' £50 - accepted.

Councillor Duducu:

26 June 2014 - reception at Turkish consulate - £10 - accepted.

Councillor Hensley:

12 April 2014 - Mayor's Charity Dinner, RAF Northolt - £50 - accepted

Councillor Jackson:

1 November 2014 - Hillingdon Abbots Football Club - medal - £20 - accepted.

Councillor Morgan:

2 December 2014 - Richard Aren, Arens Wine Bar - box of mince pies - under £10 - accepted

Councillor Nelson:

28 January 2014 - LHC Awards - accepted

Councillor Puddifoot:

16 December 2014 - Hayes & Harlington Old People's Welfare Committee - bottle of wine - £30 - accepted.

Councillor Simmonds:

29 November 2014 - Mayor of Municipality of Ghresun, Turkey - briefcase - £25 - accepted