

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2018/2019 - REPORT NO. **84**

MEETING TITLE AND DATE
Councillor Conduct Committee

Date: 4th October 2018

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Agenda - Part:1	Item: 7
Subject: Gifts and Hospitality Wards: All Key Decision No: (if applicable)	
Cabinet Member consulted: N/A	

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report is an annual update providing information to the Councillor Conduct Committee on the gifts and hospitality register.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 To note the data for the period to April 2018 to date.

3. BACKGROUND

The Councillors Code of Conduct requires Members to register with the Monitoring Officer any gifts and hospitality and the offer of any gift or hospitality with an estimated value of £25.00 or more. Offers made but refused must also be disclosed.

The Guidance note at Appendix 1 offers clear information for members on what is a gift or hospitality and when to complete the register.

The register records a total of 4 completed forms in the period 1 April 2018 to date, as shown in the table below.

Gifts and Hospitality Forms April 2018 – September 2018		
Accepted	Declined	Total
4	0	4

For the same period in 2017 – 2018, 14 forms were completed by Members.

The types of gifts & hospitality being recorded is: dinners, lunches, shows, flights and accommodation. As you can see, far fewer gifts & hospitality have been received this year as compared with the same period last year.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

None

5. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

To update the committee on the gifts and hospitality received or declined April 2018 to date.

6. COMMENTS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

6.1 Financial Implications

There are no financial implications.

6.2 Legal Implications

The Council has a duty to promote and maintain high standards of conduct of Members. The Code of Conduct is drafted in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

6.3 Property Implications

None

7. KEY RISKS

None

8. IMPACT ON COUNCIL PRIORITIES

The report contents meet the Council priorities of Fairness for All, Growth and Sustainability and Strong Communities.

9. EQUALITIES IMPACT IMPLICATIONS

No equality impact assessment/analysis has been undertaken as it is not required.

10. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

None

11. HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

None

12. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

None

13. PUBLIC HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

None

Background Papers: None