Gifts and Hospitality Register

What you need to do:-

- 1) Complete the entry within a reasonable period of the offer of a gift or hospitality. Members have 28 days to do this.
- 2) Complete all columns on the form including whether gift or hospitality accepted.
- 3) Give an approximate value of the offer. You can say "de minimis" or "less that £10" if the gift is small.
- 4) Name the donor, including where the Authority provides hospitality.
- 5) Name the individual who received the offer.
- 6) It must be clear from the entry whether the offer is accepted or refused.
- 7) A reason for acceptance <u>must</u> be given and the <u>Assistant Director</u>'s authorisation (signature) obtained.

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 Assistant Directors should not authorise their own acceptance of gifts and hospitality. The CEO, a Director or another Assistant Director should be asked to authorise. <u>Directors should have acceptance authorised by the</u> Chief Executive Officer. **Deleted:** Head of Services **Deleted:** Head of Service

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9) The approved form is attached. It should be used in all circumstances.

Each year on behalf of the Standards Committee your Director/Assistant Director will be asked to confirm that gifts and hospitality have been recorded and the forms kept. In addition the Monitoring Officer will check, annually, the declarations of gifts and hospitality that have been made throughout the preceding year.

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