

**Bolsover District Council**

**Standards Committee on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Gifts and Hospitality – Annual Report**

**Report of the Service Director of Governance and Legal Services & Monitoring Officer**

<b>Classification</b>	This report is public
<b>Report By</b>	Jim Fieldsend Service Director of Governance and Legal Services & Monitoring Officer

**PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT**

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 2023 to December 2023.

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**REPORT DETAILS**

**1. Background**

1.1 The Council's Constitution, Part 5 specifies detailed arrangements for the registering of gifts and hospitality made to Members and officers.

**2. Details of Proposal or Information**

2.1 A copy of the provisions of the Constitution in respect of gifts and hospitality are attached as **Appendix 1** to this report. Details of the entries in the Council's Gifts and Hospitality Register for the period January 2023 to December 2023 are attached as **Appendix 2** to this report.

**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 submitted for information only.

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## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

1. That the Committee note the content of this Annual Report for the period January 2023 to December 2023 in respect of offers of gifts and hospitality made to Members and officers.

### **IMPLICATIONS:**

**Finance and Risk:**            Yes             No

**Details:** There are no financial implications arising from this report.

On behalf of the Section 151 Officer

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

**Details:** The Council has set a threshold of £25 for the declaration of gifts and hospitality as set out in its Constitution.

On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

### **Environment:**

Please identify (if applicable) how this proposal/report will help the Authority meet its carbon neutral target or enhance the environment.

**Details:** None

**Staffing:**            Yes             No

**Details:** There are no staffing implications arising from this report.

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

## **DECISION INFORMATION**

<p><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:</p> <p><b>Revenue - £75,000</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Capital - £150,000</b> <input type="checkbox"/>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i></p>	No
<p><b>Is the decision subject to Call-In?</b>  <i>(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</i></p>	N/A

<p><b>District Wards Significantly Affected</b></p>	None
<p><b>Consultation:</b>  <b>Leader / Deputy Leader</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Executive</b> <input type="checkbox"/>  <b>SLT</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Relevant Service Manager</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <b>Members</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Public</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	Details:

<p><b>Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy and Environment.</b></p>

DOCUMENT INFORMATION	
Appendix No	Title
1	Extract from the Council's Constitution: Protocol on gifts and hospitality
2	Schedule of Gifts and Hospitality January 2023 to December 2023

<p><b>Background Papers</b></p>
<p><i>(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 Executive you must provide copies of the background papers).</i></p>
<p>None</p>