

BOLSOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

Meeting of the Standards Committee on 27th January 2025

Gifts and Hospitality Annual Report

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

Classification	This report is Public
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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 2024 to December 2024.

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 2024 to December 2024 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 are no alternative options. This report is for notification purpose only

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. That the Committee note the content of this Annual Report for the period January 2023 to December 2024 in respect of offers of gifts and hospitality made to Members and officers.
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IMPLICATIONS:

<u>Finance and Risk</u> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Details: On behalf of the Section 151 Officer
<u>Legal (including Data Protection)</u> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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
<u>Staffing</u> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Details: On behalf of the Head of Paid Service
<u>Equality and Diversity, and Consultation</u> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Details:
<u>Environment</u> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Please identify (if applicable) how this proposal/report will help the Authority meet its carbon neutral target or enhance the environment Details:

DECISION INFORMATION:

<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please indicate which threshold applies:</p> <p>Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an Executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more wards in the District or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:</p> <p>Revenue (a) Results in the Council making Revenue Savings of £75,000 or more or (b) Results in the Council incurring Revenue Expenditure of £75,000 or more.</p> <p>Capital (a) Results in the Council making Capital Income of £150,000 or more or (b) Results in the Council incurring Capital Expenditure of £150,000 or more.</p> <p>District Wards Significantly Affected: <i>(to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the District)</i> Please state below which wards are affected or tick All if all wards are affected:</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>All <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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<p>If Yes, is the call-in period to be waived in respect of the decision(s) proposed within this report? <i>(decisions may only be classified as exempt from call-in with the agreement of the Monitoring Officer)</i></p> <p>Consultation carried out: <i>(this is any consultation carried out prior to the report being presented for approval)</i></p> <p>Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Executive <input type="checkbox"/> SLT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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<p>Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy, Environment, Housing</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 2024 to December 2024

Background Papers
<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>