

17th September 2015

Name of Cabinet Member:

N/A- Ethics Committee

Director Approving Submission of the report:

Executive Director of Resources

Ward(s) affected:

None

Title: Six Monthly Review of Members' Declarations of Gifts and Hospitality

Is this a key decision?

No

Executive Summary:

This report sets out details of declarations of gifts and hospitality made by members since the Committee last reviewed these at its meeting on 10th March 2015. The Committee is asked to consider the declarations.

Recommendations:

The Ethics Committee is recommended to consider the gifts and hospitality register entries received from 14th February 2015 to 21st August 2015 and to make any recommendations that it considers appropriate.

List of Appendices included:

Appendix 1: Declarations of gifts and hospitality received between 14th February 2015 and 21st August 2015.

Other useful background papers:

None

Has it been or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

No

Has it been or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?

No

Will this report go to Council?

No

Report title: Review of Members' Declarations of Gifts and Hospitality

1. Context (or background)

- 1.1 The Ethics Committee has, as part of its work programme, decided to review on a regular basis the declarations of gifts and hospitality made by members. Appendix 1 contains copies of all declarations received from members from 14th February 2015 to 21st August 2015.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 2.1 The declarations received are attached as Appendix 1. In total eight forms have been received from two individual elected members. There have been no requests by members of the public to view the register during this time.
- 2.2 The Committee is recommended to consider the declarations made since its last meeting and to make any recommendations that it considers appropriate.

3. Results of consultation undertaken

- 3.1 None.

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

Any recommendations of the Committee will be implemented within an appropriate time frame.

5. Comments from Executive Director, Resources

- 5.1 Financial implications

There are no specific financial implications arising from the recommendations within this report.

- 5.2 Legal implications

Members are required to declare Gifts and Hospitality under section 4 of the Code of Conduct for Elected Members at Part 4 of the Council's Constitution. Whilst there is no statutory requirement for members to declare in this way, maintaining a process and Register aids transparency and assists the Council in promoting and maintaining high standards of ethical behaviour as is required under section 27 of the Localism Act 2011.

6 Other implications

None

- 6.1 How will this contribute to achievement of the Council's key objectives / corporate priorities (corporate plan/scorecard) / organisational blueprint / Local Area Agreement (or Coventry Sustainable Community Strategy)?**

Not applicable.

6.2 How is risk being managed?

There is no direct risk to the organisation as a result of the contents of this report, but a failure to implement and maintain a system of Declarations of Gifts and Hospitality can impact on the organisation's ethical behaviour and transparency.

6.3 What is the impact on the organisation?

The routine declaration of gifts and hospitality received should assist in protecting Elected Members from unfounded allegations of bias and facilitate good and clear transparent decision making.

6.4 Equalities / EIA

There are no public sector equality duties which are of relevance at this stage.

6.5 Implications for (or impact on) the environment

None

6.6 Implications for partner organisations?

None at this stage

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Appendix

Extracts from Members' Register of Gifts and Hospitality: 14th February to 21st August 2015

To: The Monitoring Officer (Christine Forde), Room 56, Council House, Earl Street, Coventry, CV1 5RR

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Declaration of Receipt of Gifts or Hospitality

Name	Councillor Abdul Khan
Post	Cabinet Member, Culture, Leisure, Sports, Parks and Events
Department (if applicable)	
What was the gift or Hospitality?	Ticket for GB Ice Hockey match v Poland plus hospitality
What is your best estimate of its market value or cost?	Approximately £ 45
Who provided it?	Coventry Sports Network, Coventry Sports Foundation, Coventry City Council and Wasps
When and where did you receive it?	10 th April 2015 Skydome Arena
Does it come within one of the general consents set out in the Code of Conduct? If so, which?	Yes. It was in the Council's interest that I attend.
Did you get the consent of any officer before accepting it? If so, who? (if applicable)	No
Were there any special circumstances justifying acceptance of this gift or hospitality?	No
Do you have any contact in your job with the person or organisation providing the gift or hospitality?	No.
Signed 	Date 17.4.15

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Declaration of Receipt of Gifts or Hospitality

Name	Councillor Abdul Khan
Post	Cabinet Member, Culture, Leisure, Sports, Parks and Events
Department (if applicable)	
What was the gift or Hospitality?	Attendance at Wasps Rugby Match
What is your best estimate of its market value or cost?	Aprox £130
Who provided it?	Wasps Rugby Club
When and where did you receive it?	15 th February 2015 Ricoh Arena
Does it come within one of the general consents set out in the Code of Conduct? If so, which?	Yes. It was in the Council's interest that I attend.
Did you get the consent of any officer before accepting it? If so, who? (if applicable)	No
Were there any special circumstances justifying acceptance of this gift or hospitality?	Partnership working
Do you have any contact in your job with the person or organisation providing the gift or hospitality?	No
Signed 	Date 03/03/15


To: Legal Services, Floor 1, Christchurch House, Greyfriars Lane, Coventry, CV1 2QL

Declaration of Receipt of Gifts or Hospitality

Name	CLLR ANN LUCAS
Post	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
Department (if applicable)	Policy and Governance – Political Leadership.
What was the gift or Hospitality?	Lunar Society Medal and Dinner
What is your best estimate of its market value or cost?	Approximately £100
Who provided it?	Paul Sabapathy CBE HM Lord- Lieutenant West Midlands Lieutenancy
When and where did you receive it?	07 November 2015 at Edgbaston Cricket Club
Does it come within one of the general consents set out in the Code of Conduct? If so, which?	Yes. It was in the interest of the Council that I attend.
Did you get the consent of any officer before accepting it? If so, who? (if applicable)	No
Were there any special circumstances justifying acceptance of this gift or hospitality?	Promoting partnership working and networking with regional and local business leaders.
Do you have any contact in your job with the person or organisation providing the gift or hospitality?	No
Signed 	Date 27/4/15

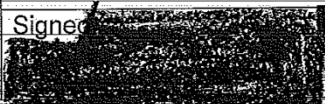
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Name	CLLR ANN LUCAS
Post	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
Department (if applicable)	Policy and Governance -- Political Leadership.
What was the gift or Hospitality?	50 Anniversary Launch Dinner Warwick University Dinner
What is your best estimate of its market value or cost?	Approximately £50
Who provided it?	Events, Warwick University
When and where did you receive it?	02 December 2014 at Warwick Arts Centre
Does it come within one of the general consents set out in the Code of Conduct? If so, which?	Yes. It was in the interest of the Council that I attend.
Did you get the consent of any officer before accepting it? If so, who? (if applicable)	No
Were there any special circumstances justifying acceptance of this gift or hospitality?	Promoting partnership working and networking with regional and local business leaders.
Do you have any contact in your job with the person or organisation providing the gift or hospitality?	No
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Name	CLLR ANN LUCAS
Post	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
Department (if applicable)	Policy and Governance – Political Leadership.
What was the gift or Hospitality?	Wasps Coventry Debut Rugby match
What is your best estimate of its market value or cost?	Approximately £30
Who provided it?	Nick Eastwood CEO of Wasps Rugby Club
When and where did you receive it?	21 December 2014 at Ricoh Arena Coventry
Does it come within one of the general consents set out in the Code of Conduct? If so, which?	Yes. It was in the interest of the Council that I attend.
Did you get the consent of any officer before accepting it? If so, who? (if applicable)	No
Were there any special circumstances justifying acceptance of this gift or hospitality?	Supporting the club in their first rugby match at their home ground and promoting partnership working and networking with regional and local business leaders.
Do you have any contact in your job with the person or organisation providing the gift or hospitality?	No
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Name	CLLR ANN LUCAS
Post	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
Department (if applicable)	Policy and Governance – Political Leadership.
What was the gift or Hospitality?	British Ethnic Sports Awards Ceremony and Dinner
What is your best estimate of its market value or cost?	Approximately £50
Who provided it?	Chris Perks, Sport England, 1st Floor, 21 Bloomsbury Street, London, WC1B 3HF
When and where did you receive it?	02 February 2015 at Ricoh Arena Coventry
Does it come within one of the general consents set out in the Code of Conduct? If so, which?	Yes. It was in the interest of the Council that I attend.
Did you get the consent of any officer before accepting it? If so, who? (if applicable)	No
Were there any special circumstances justifying acceptance of this gift or hospitality?	Supporting Sports England and celebrating Sports excellency in the BME Communities. Promoting partnership working and networking with regional and local business leaders.
Do you have any contact in your job with the person or organisation providing the gift or hospitality?	No

Signed 

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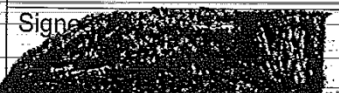
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Name	CLLR ANN LUCAS
Post	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
Department (if applicable)	Policy and Governance – Political Leadership.
What was the gift or Hospitality?	Pride of Coventry and Warwickshire Awards Ceremony and Dinner
What is your best estimate of its market value or cost?	Approximately £50
Who provided it?	Jaguar Land Rover (JLR)
When and where did you receive it?	20 March 2015 at St Marys Hall and Coventry Cathedral
Does it come within one of the general consents set out in the Code of Conduct? If so, which?	Yes. It was in the interest of the Council that I attend.
Did you get the consent of any officer before accepting it? If so, who? (if applicable)	No
Were there any special circumstances justifying acceptance of this gift or hospitality?	Celebrating the winners of the awards. Promoting partnership working with JLR and networking with regional and local business leaders.
Do you have any contact in your job with the person or organisation providing the gift or hospitality?	No
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Name	CLLR ANN LUCAS
Post	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
Department (if applicable)	Policy and Governance – Political Leadership.
What was the gift or Hospitality?	Foundation Stone Ceremony of National Automotive Innovation Centre (NAIC) and lunch
What is your best estimate of its market value or cost?	Approximately £50
Who provided it?	Lord Bhattacharyya, Chairman of Warwick Manufacturing Group (WMG)
When and where did you receive it?	17 March 2015 at NAIC Warwick University (did not stay for lunch due to attendance at Council meeting)
Does it come within one of the general consents set out in the Code of Conduct? If so, which?	Yes. It was in the interest of the Council that I attend.
Did you get the consent of any officer before accepting it? If so, who? (if applicable)	No
Were there any special circumstances justifying acceptance of this gift or hospitality?	Promoting partnership working with WMG, JLR and Tata Motors and networking with regional and local business leaders.
Do you have any contact in your job with the person or organisation providing the gift or hospitality?	No
Signature	Date
	27/4/15