
Ethics Committee

17 March 2017

Name of Cabinet Member:

N/A- Ethics Committee

Director Approving Submission of the report:

Deputy Chief Executive (Place)

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 16th September 2016. The Committee is asked to consider the declarations.

Recommendations:

The Ethics Committee is recommended to consider the gifts and hospitality register entries received from 17th September 2016 to 28th February 2017 and to make any recommendations that it considers appropriate.

List of Appendices included:

Appendix 1: Declarations of gifts and hospitality received between 17th September 2016 and 28th February 2017.

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 17th September 2016 to 28th February 2017.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 2.1 The declarations received since 17th September 2016 are attached as Appendix 1. In total ten forms have been received from six 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 Director of Finance and Corporate Services

- 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: 17th
September 2016 to 28th February 2017**

Declaration of Gifts and Hospitality under Members' Code of Conduct

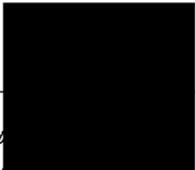
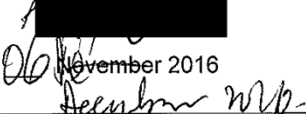


17/02/17.

Name of Elected Member	Linda Bigham
Position held e.g. cabinet member, shadow cabinet member, elected member etc.	Cabinet Member, Community Development
Date on which gift or hospitality was offered and received or accepted	14 th February, 2017
Person or organisation offering or providing the gift or hospitality and link to the Council if appropriate	Belgrade Theatre
Full details of what was received	Tickets for VIP/Press Night for 'La Strada', pre-performance and interval drinks.
Actual cost or estimated cost e.g. face value of tickets, price of set menu at venue etc.	Estimated cost £75.00
Justification for accepting the gift or hospitality	Accepted to support cultural offer in Coventry
Signature of member: Date: 16/02/17	

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Name of Elected Member	Councillor Abdul Salam Khan
Position held e.g. cabinet member, shadow cabinet member, elected member etc.	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member, Policing and Equalities
Date on which gift or hospitality was offered and received or accepted	5 th November 2016
Person or organisation offering or providing the gift or hospitality and link to the Council if appropriate	Wasps RFC, Coventry.
Full details of what was received	2 x tickets to the Four Nations matches and hospitality before the game.
Actual cost or estimated cost e.g. face value of tickets, price of set menu at venue etc.	£100 each
Justification for accepting the gift or hospitality	To represent the City Council as Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for events. 
Signature of member:	
Date:	5 th November 2016

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Name of Elected Member	Julia Lepoidevin
Position held e.g. cabinet member, shadow cabinet member, elected member etc.	Elected Member
Date on which gift or hospitality was offered and received or accepted	6 th September 2016
Person or organisation offering or providing the gift or hospitality and link to the Council if appropriate	Belgrade Theatre Trust I am on the board of the above trust
Full details of what was received	2 tickets to see the performance of Roll over Beethoven. My husband and I made a donation to the theatre of £20.00.
Actual cost or estimated cost e.g. face value of tickets, price of set menu at venue etc.	18.00 each
Justification for accepting the gift or hospitality	As a board member I am expected to attend a number of performances.
Signature of member:	Julia Lepoidevin
Date:	17.9.16



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Name of Elected Member	Julia Lepoidevin
Position held e.g. cabinet member, shadow cabinet member, elected member etc.	Elected Member
Date on which gift or hospitality was offered and received or accepted	12 th December 2016
Person or organisation offering or providing the gift or hospitality and link to the Council if appropriate	Albany Theatre Civic invite to elected members to local theatre event.
Full details of what was received	2 tickets to see a Christmas Carol
Actual cost or estimated cost e.g. face value of tickets, price of set menu at venue etc.	12.00 each
Justification for accepting the gift or hospitality	As an elected member I am expected to attend a number of events in the community.
Signature of member:	Julia Lepoidevin
Date:	28.12.2016

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Name of Elected Member	Julia Lepoidevin
Position held e.g. cabinet member, shadow cabinet member, elected member etc.	Elected Member
Date on which gift or hospitality was offered and received or accepted	15 th & 16 th November
Person or organisation offering or providing the gift or hospitality and link to the Council if appropriate	Rising 16 Global Peace Forum Coventry is the centre of peace and reconciliation
Full details of what was received	Gala Dinner and ½ day event
Actual cost or estimated cost e.g. face value of tickets, price of set menu at venue etc.	90.00 GD 45.00 ½ day event
Justification for accepting the gift or hospitality	To gain a greater understanding of the vital work that is going on to encourage peace across the globe. To hear first-hand experience's from people who work closely in these areas. Influence working for peace and reconciliation in Coventry.

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Signature of member:	Julia Lepoidevin
Date:	17.11.16

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Name of Elected Member	Julia Lepoidevin
Position held e.g. cabinet member, shadow cabinet member, elected member etc.	Elected Member
Date on which gift or hospitality was offered and received or accepted	28 th October 2016
Person or organisation offering or providing the gift or hospitality and link to the Council if appropriate	Albany Theatre Invite to elected members to see a two man play that dealt with racism and its impact over recent years. Felt important under the current climate.
Full details of what was received	Sorry! No Irish, No Coloured, No Dogs. Play
Actual cost or estimated cost e.g. face value of tickets, price of set menu at venue etc.	12.00 each
Justification for accepting the gift or hospitality	As an elected member I am expected to attend a number of events in the community. In light of the Brexit vote this was a good reminder how far we have come.

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Signature of member:	Julia Lepoidevin
Date:	14.11.16

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Name of Elected Member	Cllr Peter Male
Position held e.g. cabinet member, shadow cabinet member, elected member etc.	Shadow Cabinet Member for Education and Skills
Date on which gift or hospitality was offered and received or accepted	Tues 6 th Sept 2016
Person or organisation offering or providing the gift or hospitality and link to the Council if appropriate	Belgrade Theatre
Full details of what was received	2 complimentary tickets - Roll over Beethoven
Actual cost or estimated cost e.g. face value of tickets, price of set menu at venue etc.	Tickets are advertised between £18 and £26
Justification for accepting the gift or hospitality	In support of the work of the Belgrade Theatre and their role as an important partner in Coventry's City of Culture bid.
Signature of member:	Peter Male
Date:	8/09/16

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Name of Elected Member	Gary Ridley
Position held e.g. cabinet member, shadow cabinet member, elected member etc.	Shadow Cabinet Member for City Services, Member of Scrutiny Board 1 and Licensing Committee.
Date on which gift or hospitality was offered and received or accepted	11/1/17
Person or organisation offering or providing the gift or hospitality and link to the Council if appropriate	Albany Theatre
Full details of what was received	Two tickets to attend press night production of 'Snow White and the seven dwarfs'
Actual cost or estimated cost e.g. face value of tickets, price of set menu at venue etc.	Circa £10 per ticket
Justification for accepting the gift or hospitality	Offered to all elected members. Supporting City of Culture Coventry bid and opportunity to networking with partners
Signature of member: Date	Gary Ridley 11/01/17

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Name of Elected Member	Gary Ridley
Position held e.g. cabinet member, shadow cabinet member, elected member etc.	Backbench member (Member of Scrutiny Board 1, Licensing Committee)
Date on which gift or hospitality was offered and received or accepted	12/12/16
Person or organisation offering or providing the gift or hospitality and link to the Council if appropriate	Albany Theatre
Full details of what was received	Two tickets to attend press night production of 'A Christmas Carol'
Actual cost or estimated cost e.g. face value of tickets, price of set menu at venue etc.	Circa £10 per ticket
Justification for accepting the gift or hospitality	Offered to all elected members. Supporting City of Culture Coventry bid and opportunity to networking with partners
Signature of member:	Gary Ridley
Date	07/12/16

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Name of Elected Member	Glenn Williams
Position held e.g. cabinet member, shadow cabinet member, elected member etc.	Independent back-bencher
Date on which gift or hospitality was offered and received or accepted	Sunday 14 th September 2016
Person or organisation offering or providing the gift or hospitality and link to the Council if appropriate	Carol Chai Cokerley
Full details of what was received	Carvery dinner and soft drink.
Actual cost or estimated cost e.g. face value of tickets, price of set menu at venue etc.	Est. £13.00
Justification for accepting the gift or hospitality	<p>After helping the group at a charity 'crisis-dial' to raise funds and profile of group, they invited me for Sunday carvery at the Bingley Inn, where I learned more about the work that they do.</p> <p>I insisted I pay my share of bill, but whilst one of them had left the table she paid for all of us and wouldn't accept my cash.</p> <p>I politely accepted their hospitality.</p>
Signature of member:	
Date:	14 th September 2016

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