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Ethics Committee

25 September 2025

**Name of Cabinet Member:**

N/A - Ethics Committee

**Director Approving Submission of the report:**

Director of Law and Governance

**Ward(s) affected:**

None

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

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**Is this a key decision?**

No

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**Executive Summary**

This report sets out details of declarations of gifts and hospitality made by Members for the period 1 January to 30 June 2025. The Committee reviewed the gifts and hospitality register entries received from 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024 at its meeting on 20 March 2025. The Committee is asked to consider the most recent declarations.

**Recommendations: -**

The Ethics Committee is recommended to consider the gifts and hospitality register entries received from 1 January to 30 June 2025 and to make any recommendations that it considers appropriate.

**List of Appendices included:**

Appendix 1: General Declarations of gifts and hospitality received between 1 January to 30 June 2025

**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: Six Monthly Review of Members' 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 1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025.

### **2. Options considered and recommended proposal**

- 2.1 The declarations received between 1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025 are at Appendix 1 of this report. There was 1 form received from 1 elected Member.
- 2.2 There have been no requests by members of the public to view the register during this time
- 2.3 The Committee is recommended to consider the declarations made in the first six months of 2025 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 the Director of Finance and Resources and the Director of Law & Governance**

#### **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 Conduct for Elected Members at Part 4 of the Council's Constitution. Whilst there is currently 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 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 One Coventry Plan?**

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) climate change and the environment**

None

### **6.6 Implications for partner organisations?**

None at this stage

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