

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL	
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Report of:	Director of Legal and Governance Services
Relevant Executive Member:	The Mayor
Submitted to:	Standards Committee
Date:	7 April 2025
Title:	Review of Gifts and Hospitality
Report for:	Information
Status:	Public
Council Plan priority:	Delivering Best Value
Key decision:	No
Why:	Not applicable
Subject to call in?:	No
Why:	It is not an Executive Report

Executive summary	
<p>The Monitoring Officer is required to review the Register of Gifts and Hospitality for Officers and Members on an annual basis and report details of the entries to the Standards Committee, to ensure that members and officers comply with the Members' Code of Conduct and the Officers' Code of Conduct, respectively.</p>	

1. Purpose

1.1 To present details of the Register of Gifts and Hospitality for Officers and Members for the Committee's information.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the Standards Committee

- Notes the report and the declarations made.

3. Rationale for the recommended decision(s)

3.1 The Council's Code of Conduct requires Councillors and Co-opted Members to declare and register the receipt of either gifts or hospitality with a value of £25 or more.

4. Background and relevant information

4.1 The Council's Code of Conduct requires Councillors and Co-opted Members to declare and register the receipt of either gifts or hospitality with a value of £25 or more. The Monitoring Officer is required to establish and maintain a register in relation of gifts and hospitality and to produce a report to Standards Committee, on an annual basis, outlining details any gifts and hospitality received by members and officers of the Council.

4.2 Members register their interests in three ways:

- By completing an annual declaration of financial and personal interests. These interests are published on the Council website under each individual councillor's profile. [Your Councillors | Middlesbrough Council](#)
- By making declarations at meetings where they have interest in a matter to be considered at that meeting. Declarations made in such circumstances are recorded in the minutes of those meetings and are entered in the Register of Disclosures and General Notices.
- By declaring and registering when receiving either gifts or hospitality with a value of £25 or more. The declaration should include details of the gift or hospitality, its approximate value and details of the person or body that provided it. Although not a requirement, Members also occasionally register gifts or hospitality of lesser value.

4.3 Declarations are entered in a Register of Gifts and Hospitality.

Details of entries received from Members for the period January 2024 – December 2025 are attached at Appendix A.

Details of entries received from Officers for the period January 2024 – December 2025 are attached at Appendix B.

5. Other potential alternative(s) and why these have not been recommended

5.1 No other options were considered.

6. Impact(s) of the recommended decision(s)

Topic	Impact
Financial (including procurement and Social Value)	There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report.
Legal	The Monitoring Officer is required to review the Register of Gifts and Hospitality for Officers and Members on an annual basis and report details of the entries to the Standards Committee. The Registers may be inspected by the public during normal office opening hours.
Risk	Reports will positively impact on risk of failure to achieve good governance by reducing the likelihood of it occurring.
Human Rights, Public Sector Equality Duty and Community Cohesion	No protected groups are affected by the decision.
Climate Change / Environmental	Not applicable.
Children and Young People Cared for by the Authority and Care Leavers	Not applicable.
Data Protection	Not applicable.

Actions to be taken to implement the recommended decision(s)

Action	Responsible Officer	Deadline

Appendices

1	Appendix A – Members’ Register of Gifts and Hospitality 2023-2024
2	Appendix B – Officers’ Register of Gifts and Hospitality 2023-2024
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Background papers

Body	Report title	Date

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