

**MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL  
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1/25	Corporate Director of Regeneration and Housing	UKREiiF conference ticket 20-22 May 2025 Value £895	Praxis (Contractor)	16 April 2025	YES	Attendance at the conference will enable networking to promote and unlock inward investment into the town.
2/25	Capital Programmes Manager	UKREiiF conference ticket 20-22 May 2025 Value £895	Praxis (Contractor)	16 April 2025	YES	Attendance at the conference will enable networking to promote and unlock inward investment into the town.
3/25	Head of Growth and Assets	UKREiiF conference ticket 20-22 May 2025 Value £895	Praxis (Contractor)	16 April 2025	YES	Attendance at the conference will enable networking to promote and unlock inward investment into the town.
4/25	Town Centre Manager	UKREiiF conference ticket 20-22 May 2025 Value £895	Praxis (Contractor)	16 April 2025	YES	Attendance at the conference will enable networking to promote and unlock inward investment into the town.

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5/25	Chief Executive	Teesside University Graduation Dinner 17 July 2025 Value £100	Vice Chancellor, Teesside University	16 July 2025	YES	Hospitality acceptable to further relationship with a key partner in the town.
6/25	Corporate Director of Legal and Corporate Services	Monitoring Officer dinner sponsored by Browne Jacobson solicitors 2 July 2025 Value £50	Browne Jacobson Solicitors	28 July 2025	YES - authorised by Deputy Monitoring Officer	This is a monitoring officer dinner as part of a conference and was attended by monitoring officers around the country. This is therefore considered to be working towards forging strong links with organisations the Council has partnership working arrangements with where the authority should be seen to be represented. Advice given that any attendance should be authorised in advance, rather than after the event.
7/25	Manager – Day Centre	£10 per staff member	Daughters of a service user on behalf of the family – to show appreciation	31 July 2025	NO	The proposed gift is in the form of cash to individual members of staff. On this basis, although the

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			for care and support that their Mum and family received from staff.			sentiment behind the giving of the gift is acknowledged, consent is refused as the policy on gifts and hospitality does not allow for officers of the council to accept any cash gifts.
8/25	Democratic Services Manager	Framed print of Infinity Bridge, Stockton Value £25	Deputy Mayor – unwanted gift	3 October 2025	YES	The gift is of modest value and would otherwise be of no alternative use.
9/25	Procurement Team Leader	Invitation to Gala Dinner 15 October 2025 Value estimated at £100	Bloom Procurement	11 October 2025	YES	This request has been approved on the basis that there is no work, permission, concession or facility, that the person or organisation making the offer or invitation may seek from the authority, and that the advantage of attendance at the dinner would be to develop the strong links with organisations that the Council has partnership working arrangements – ie other NE Local Authorities.

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10/25	Early Years Practitioner	Dior perfume and lip oil – value £75 approx	Parent of a child enrolled at nursery operated by Middlesbrough Council	28 October 2025	YES	The gift is a personal gift as a thank you from a parent following care of three children and does not come with any expectation of benefit as a result. Gift clearly in response to departure of last children and not an ongoing gift.
11/25	Nursery Room Leader	Dior perfume and lip oil – value £75 approx	Parent of a child enrolled at nursery operated by Middlesbrough Council	28 October 2025	YES	The gift is a personal gift as a thank you from a parent following care of three children and does not come with any expectation of benefit as a result. Gift clearly in response to departure of last children and not an ongoing gift.
12/25	Early Years Practitioner	Dior perfume and lip oil – value £75 approx	Parent of a child enrolled at nursery operated by Middlesbrough Council	28 October 2025	YES	The gift is a personal gift as a thank you from a parent following care of three children and does not come with any expectation of benefit as a result. Gift clearly in response to departure of last children and not an ongoing gift.

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13/25	Housing Adaptations – Support and Technical Officer – Staying Put Agency	Boots Gift Card Value £50	Gift from Service User’s brother in gratitude and thanks for assistance given by the officer for a disabled facilities adaptation grant	23 December 2026	NO	The gift card – specifically its value of £50 - could be perceived as attempting to influence the assessment as to DFG qualification, despite that not appearing to be what was intended by the family based on the officer’s account. Under the Council’s Code of Conduct and Gifts and Hospitality policy, council employees are not permitted to accept personal gifts of this nature or value. For this reason the gift must be respectfully declined and returned to the family.
14/25	Technical and Development Officer – Staying Put Agency	Christmas Hamper with bottle of Champagne. Unknown value but clearly in excess of £25	Gift from Service User’s father in gratitude of Technical Officer within the Staying Put Agency who delivered an extension via Disabled Facilities Grant for child.	29 December 2025	YES	I note the context to this gift and the officer was clear about his and the council’s obligations. In the circumstances and given that the hamper is likely to contain perishable items my advice is to distribute the contents of the hamper between the team.

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15/25	Assistant Road Safety Officer	£100 Amazon Voucher	Won in a prize draw after completing a yearly feedback survey from DTW (marketing company for Road Safety North East Group). Member of a publicity sub group for North East Road Safety Partnership and DTW are the marketing company that work alongside it.	16 Feb 2026	YES	Gift is a prize from a random prize draw and is not connected with any further work or access to contracts from a local authority perspective.
16/25	Libraries and Hub Development Manager	Invitation to the Insider Media North East Property Awards 2026 (Central Library has been shortlisted) 7 May 2026	Aptus Contractors	27 April 2026	YES	Entirely appropriate to attend the award ceremony for which the work on the Council's Central Library has been shortlisted.  <b>NOTE: Due to unforeseen circumstances the officer did not attend the awards ceremony as planned.</b>

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17/25	Development Manager Growth	Invitation to the Insider Media North East Property Awards 2026 (Central Library has been shortlisted) 7 May 2026 Estimated value £160	Aptus Contractors	5 May 2026	YES	Entirely appropriate to attend the award ceremony for which the work on the Council's Central Library has been shortlisted.  <b>NOTE: Due to unforeseen circumstances the officer did not attend the awards ceremony as planned.</b>
18/25	Head of Growth and Assets	UKREiF conference 19-20 May 2026  Ticket Value £1,095 Accommodation Value £200	Praxis	7 May 2026	YES	The hospitality offered enables the council's attendance at a key strategic regeneration event. The hospitality is not offered in connection with any work, permission, concession or facility that Praxis may seek from the council.

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20/25	Corporate Director of Regeneration and Housing	UKREiif conference 19-20 May 2026 Ticket Value £1,095 Accommodation Value £200	TVCA  Praxis	7 May 2026	YES	The hospitality offered enables the council's attendance at a key strategic regeneration event. The hospitality is not offered in connection with any work, permission, concession or facility that Praxis may seek from the council.
21/25	Strategic Business Manager	UKREiif conference 19-20 May 2026	Praxis	7 May 2026	YES	The hospitality offered enables the council's attendance at a key strategic regeneration event. The hospitality is not offered in

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		Ticket Value £1,095 Accommodation Value £200				connection with any work, permission, concession or facility that Praxis may seek from the council.
22/25	Corporate Director of Regeneration and Housing	Ticket for Awards Ceremony & Overnight Accommodation for Northern Housing Awards in Manchester – 21 May 2026 Value £240 + accommodation – value unknown	Thirteen Housing Group	18 May 2026	YES	Hospitality approved. I have estimated the value of the accommodation as being £200 for the purposes of the authorisation. Whilst Thirteen may in future apply for planning permission, our engagement with them is much broader than this as a key stakeholder in the the borough. I am content that it is appropriate to accept the hospitality.