

# CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

## Standards Committee

7 January 2024

**REPORT BY:** Head of Legal and Monitoring Officer

**SUBJECT:** Annual review of acceptance of gifts and hospitality by Members

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**REPORT FOR:** Decision

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### 1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The Committee is asked to complete the annual review.

### 2. Background

2.1 Section 18 – Code of Conduct for Members states the following:

“9 You must –

(b) avoid accepting from anyone gifts, hospitality (other than official hospitality, such as a civic reception or a working lunch duly authorised by your authority), material benefits or services for yourself or any person which might place you, or reasonably appear to place you, under an improper obligation.”

2.2 Paragraph 17 refers to the Registration of Gifts and Hospitality and Paragraph 18.5 [18.5 – 18.5.8] refers to the Protocol concerning gifts and hospitality to members. The Committee is advised that Paragraph 18 is currently being updated in respect of cross referencing to other sections of the Constitution and a new version will be published in due course.

2.3 Members must, within 28 days of receiving any gift, hospitality, material benefit or advantage above a value specified in a resolution of your authority [see below], provide written notification to the monitoring officer, of the existence and nature of that gift, hospitality, material benefit or advantage.

18.5.6.1 states:

“Where you accept any gift or hospitality which you estimate to have a market value or cost of provision of £25 or greater, (or where you accept a working lunch of the type described in paragraph 3.1 (vi) above where the cost or value exceeds £10) you must, as soon as possible after receipt of the gift or hospitality, make a declaration in writing to the Monitoring Officer officer...”.

### 3 Record of gifts and hospitality

3.1 An email was sent to members in August 2022 advising them of the Protocol and providing them with a copy of the form and details on how to complete the form online. Appendix 1 is a link to the records for the 6 Members who have

declared receipts of gifts and /or hospitality . These records are available to the public on line .

- 3.2 As advised in 2.2 above the Protocol is being updated and once this has been completed the revised version will be sent to members with a copy of the form and online instructions reminding them of their duty to comply with the protocol.

<b>Recommendation:</b>	<b>Reason for Recommendation:</b>
<b>1. To note the report.</b>	<b>To ensure the Committee undertakes an annual review of the acceptance of gifts and hospitality by Members as part of its work programme.</b>

<b>Relevant Policy (ies):</b>	
<b>Within Policy:</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Within Budget:</b>	<b>Y</b>

<b>Relevant Local Member(s):</b>	<b>N/A</b>
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<b>Person(s) To Implement Decision:</b>	<b>Clive Pinney</b>
<b>Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:</b>	

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## Appendix 1

### **Gifts and hospitality recorded on website 19 May 2022 – 1 February 2024:**

[Gifts and hospitalities - Berriman, Jake, 19 May 2022 - 1 February 2024 Cyngor Sir Powys County Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

[Gifts and hospitalities - Charlton, Jackie, 19 May 2022 - 1 February 2024 Cyngor Sir Powys County Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

[Gifts and hospitalities - Church, Richard, 19 May 2022 - 1 February 2024 Cyngor Sir Powys County Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

[Gifts and hospitalities - Dorrance, Matthew, 19 May 2022 - 1 February 2024 Cyngor Sir Powys County Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

[Gifts and hospitalities - Gibson-Watt, James, 19 May 2022 - 1 February 2024 Cyngor Sir Powys County Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

[Gifts and hospitalities - Jones, Joy, 19 May 2022 - 1 February 2024 Cyngor Sir Powys County Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)