

Agenda Item

# Birmingham City Council Standards Committee

5<sup>th</sup> October 2023



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**Subject:** Review of Members Declarations of Gifts and Hospitality  
(May 2022 - September 2023)

**Report of:** Janie Berry, City Solicitor & Monitoring Officer

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## 1. Purpose of report:

1.1 To enable The Standards Committee, as part of its work programme, to review on a regular basis the declarations of gifts and hospitality made by Members.

Appendix 1 sets out an overview of all declarations received from Members, 9 May 2022 - 26 September 2023.

1.2 To review how recommendations by The Standards Committee, 20 April 2023, have been received by members in providing a more accurate;

- estimate of the value of gifts and hospitality
- reason for acceptance.

## 2. Recommendations

2.1 The Committee is recommended to consider the declarations made and to make any recommendations that it considers appropriate.

## 3. Financial Implications

3.1 There are none arising from this report

## 4. Legal Implications

4.1 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. Maintaining a process and register aids transparency and assists the Council in promoting and maintaining high standards of behaviour as required under section 27 of the Localism Act 2011.

4.2 The routine declaration of gifts and hospitality received should also assist in protecting Elected Members from unfounded allegations of bias and facilitate good and clear transparent decision making.

## **5. Human Resources**

5.1 There are none arising from this report.

## **6. Equalities / EIA**

6.1 There are no public sector equality duties which are of relevance at this stage.

## **7. Implications for (or impact on) climate change and the environment**

7.1 None