

	Audit and Standards Advisory Committee 22 September 2021
	Report from: Director of Legal, HR, Audit & Investigations
Standards Report (including quarterly update on Gifts & Hospitality 01.07.21 – 30.09.21 and mandatory training)	

Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non-Key Decision:	Not applicable
Open or Part/Fully Exempt: <small>(If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)</small>	Open
No. of Appendices:	None
Background Papers:	None
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1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Audit and Standards Advisory Committee on gifts and hospitality registered by Members, and the attendance record for Members in relation to mandatory training sessions.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Committee note the contents of the report.

3.0 Detail

Gifts & Hospitality

- 3.1 Members are required to register gifts and hospitality received in an official capacity worth an estimated value of at least £50. This includes a series of gifts and hospitality from the same person that add up to an estimated value of at least £50 in a municipal year.
- 3.2 Gifts and hospitality received by Members are published on the Council's website and open to inspection at the Brent Civic Centre.
- 3.3 During the second quarter (April – June 2021) the gifts and hospitality received has been recorded as per Table One below.

Table 1

Councillor	Date	Gift/Hospitality	Value	From
Cllr M Butt	13.06.2021	2 x tickets England v Croatia	Approximate value £150.00 x 2.	Received from GLA
Cllr M Butt	07.07.2021	2 x tickets England v Denmark	Approximate value £150.00 x 2.	Received from GLA
Cllr M Butt	11.07.2021	2 x tickets to Final Euro's	Approximate value £150 x 2.	Gift from GLA
Cllr K Sheth	29.06.2021	2 x tickets England v Germany	Estimated value £150.00 x 2	Received from FA.

- 3.4 The Committee should note, as part of the External Audit progress report, Grant Thornton have completed their value for money review and made recommendations with respect to increasing the transparency and accessibility of gifts and hospitality. This report and officers comments in relation to the recommendations are on the Committee agenda for discussion at this evening's meeting.

Member Training Attendance

- 3.5 The Committee will be pleased to note that all Members have undertaken and completed all mandatory training with exception of Data Protection/GDPR training.
- 3.6 The next period in which Members will have to undertake the mandatory training including the usual committee training, is after the 2022 local elections.
- 3.7 The following members are yet to complete e-learning Data Protection/GDPR course. The asterisk denotes members who have started but are yet to complete the training.

Data Protection for elected members

Cllr.Abdirazak.Abdi
Cllr.Rita.Conneely
Cllr.Harbi.Farah*
Cllr.Erica.Gbajumo*
Cllr.Gwen.Grahl
Cllr.Daniel.Kennelly*
Cllr.Arshad.Mahmood
Cllr.Roxanne.Mashari
Cllr.Lloyd.McLeish*
Cllr.Kana.Naheerathan*
Cllr.Neil.Nerva*
Cllr.Keith.Perrin*
Cllr.Eleanor.Southwood*

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 There are no financial implications arising out of this report.

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 The Council, individual Members and co-opted Members are required to promote and maintain high standards of conduct in accordance with s27 of the Localism Act 2011. The attendance at mandatory training sessions is a means to achieve this and a requirement pursuant to the Brent Members' Code of Conduct as set out in Part 5, of the council's Constitution.

6.0 Equality Implications

6.1 There are no equality implications arising out of this report.

7.0 Consultation with Ward Members and Stakeholders

7.1 Not applicable.

8.0 Human Resources/Property Implications (if appropriate)

8.1 Not applicable.

Report sign off:

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