



Chelmsford City Council Governance Committee

15 January 2025

Gifts and Hospitality Report

Report by:
Monitoring Officer

Officer Contact:

Lorraine Browne, Legal & Democratic Services Manager & Monitoring Officer, email: lorraine.browne@chelmsford.gov.uk, tel: 01245 606560

Purpose

To update the Committee on offers of Gifts and Hospitality from January to December 2024.

Recommendations

That the report to be noted.

1. Background

- 1.1. At its meeting on 20th January 2010, the Standards Committee agreed that an annual report should be made on offers of Gifts and Hospitality which have been made to Members of the Council and when the Governance Committee assumed responsibility for these matters, this annual report was brought to this Committee.

2. Offers Made

- 2.1. Offers of gifts and hospitality to members of Chelmsford Council for the period January to December 2024 can be found at Appendix 1. In summary, there were two declarations by members.

2.2. With regards to offers of gifts and hospitality to officers of the Council, there were three offers to be noted for 2024.

2.3. The Monitoring Officer confirms that it was appropriate for members and officers to accept the offers made.

List of appendices:

Appendix 1 – Offers of Gifts and Hospitality (Councillors) January to December 2024

Appendix 2 – Offers of Gifts and Hospitality (Officers) January to December 2024

Background papers:

Nil

Corporate Implications

Legal/Constitutional: Councillors and Officers are required to declare any offers of gifts and hospitality above a certain threshold (£50) and it has been the Council's longstanding practice to annual report the details to Governance Committee.

Financial: None

Potential impact on climate change and the environment: None

Contribution toward achieving a net zero carbon position by 2030: None

Personnel: None

Risk Management: None

Equality and Diversity: No equalities impact assessment necessary.

Health and Safety: None

Digital: None

Other: None

Consultees:

None

Relevant Policies and Strategies:

Member and Employee Codes of Conduct

APPENDIX 1**Offers of Gifts and Hospitality (Councillors) – January to December 2024**

No.	Date	Councillor	Gift/Hospitality	Value	Organization	Whether Accepted
70	14.6.24	Mascot	Handmade top and Skirt	£75 estimate	3C & Co	Accepted – thank you to councillor in relation to councillor role
71	24.11.24	Lardge	2 Theatre Tickets	£72	Chelmsford Theatre	Accepted – links with cabinet role

APPENDIX 2**Offers of Gifts and Hospitality (Officers) – January to December 2024**

No.	Date	Directorate	Gift/Hospitality	Value	Organization	Whether Accepted
225	8.2.24	Sustainable communities	Working Dinner and Drinks Reception	£40	Beartas	Yes – links with officer role
226	18.11.24	Connected Chelmsford	Complimentary ticket to Cornerstone barrister Planning Day	£185	Cornerstone Barristers	Yes – links with officer role
227	18.11.24	Connected Chelmsford	Complimentary ticket to Cornerstone barrister Planning Day	£185	Cornerstone Barristers	Yes – links with officer role