

Stevenage Borough Council Standards Committee
Review of Register of Members' Interests and Registration of Gifts & Hospitality
October 2008

This review was conducted by an independent member of the Standards Committee. The review was conducted by inspecting the packs held on each member in the file and reviewing the Register of Gifts and Hospitality.

General Comments

Declaration of Interest (DoI)

All members have a current declaration on file.

A number of declarations had been submitted well outside the 30 day deadline after the start of the municipal year. Members will be reminded again of the need to submit declarations within the deadline. There has been a pattern of very late submissions by a significant number of members in the couple of years since members have been required to date their submissions: consideration will be given to adopting a more rigorous approach to late submissions.

There was one minor issues as follows

Issue	Action
One declaration did not show any party membership	The member will be requested to revise her submission

Register of Gifts and Hospitality

Twenty three members had not declared receiving anything. . *Comment: although materiality is low it is believed that all members were offered Pantomime tickets at the Gordon Craig.*

No declarations gave any indication of the value of gifts and hospitality received. *Comments: members will be reminded of the importance of putting a value on their declarations so as provide a reference point for the public. Consideration will be given to making this a formal requirement.*

Detail (excluding general points above)

Member	Comments on ROMI October 2008	Comment on Register of Gifts & Hospitality in Council Year 2007/8
S Batson	Completed 18/9/08.	
H Burrell	Completed 1/7/08.	Three tickets from SLL for Cinderella. No cost shown
M Cherney-Craw	Completed 28/6/08.	Two tickets from SLL for Cinderella. No cost shown
L. Chester	Completed 15/5/08.	
D Clark (Mrs)	Completed 6/5/08.	
G Clark (Mr)	Completed 30/6/08.	Free meal from The Chicago Rock Café
RA Clarke	Completed 3/7/08.	
DW Cullen	Completed 7/10/08.	
M Downing	Completed 28/6/08.	
J Fraser	Completed 8/5/08.	
P Gallagher	Completed 26/9/08.	
J Gardener	Completed 31/8/08.	Two tickets from SLL for Cinderella. No cost shown.
S Gillies	Completed 19/5/08.	
A Hale	Completed 1/7/08.	
E Harrington	Completed 3/7/08.	Two tickets from SLL for Cinderella. No cost shown
RJ Henry	Completed 21/8/08.	
A Holland	Completed 27/5/08.	
JA Hollywell	Completed 21/9/08.	

Member	Comments on ROMI October 2008	Comment on Register of Gifts & Hospitality in Council Year 2007/8
M Hurst	Completed 3/7/08.	
B Jackson	Completed 1/10/08.	Two tickets from SLL for Cinderella. No cost shown
PD Kissane	Completed 9/7/08.	
EM Knight	Completed 28/6/08.	Accommodation, meals & flights for visit to Autun.
C Latif	Completed 17/10/08.	
J Lloyd (Mrs)	Completed 29/6/08.	
J Lloyd (Mr)	Completed 8/7/08.	Lunch at Grovsnor House from Aldwyck Housing Assn. No cost shown.
L Martin-Haugh	Completed 10/4/08.	
MA Mason	Completed 14/9/08.	
S Myson	Completed 7/7/08.	Barbara Follet - Labour Party sports dinner (no cost shown). Accommodation, meals & flights for visit to Autun.
M Notley	Completed 2/7/08.	Two tickets from SLL for Cinderella. No cost shown
R Parker	Completed 30/6/08.	Two tickets from SLL for Cinderella. No cost shown £40 Approx
M Patson	Completed 13/10/08.	Accommodation, meals & flights for visit to Autun.
J Pickersgill	Completed 18/9/08.	
JR Raynor	Completed 28/6/08.	Accommodation, meals & flights for visit to Autun. Two tickets from SLL for Cinderella. No cost shown

Member	Comments on ROMI October 2008	Comment on Register of Gifts & Hospitality in Council Year 2007/8
G Snell	Completed 30/6/08.	Two tickets from SLL for Cinderella. No cost shown
S Speller	Completed 22/9/08.	Two tickets from SLL for Cinderella. No cost shown
L Strange	Completed 11/10/08.	
P Stuart	Completed 28/7/08.	
S Taylor	Completed 23/7/08.	Lunch from The Comet. No cost or other details. Hospitality at Tour de France from Mayor at Autun. No cost or other details. Two tickets for Gala night at the GCT. Accommodation, meals & flights for visit to Autun. Lunch & match from Stevenage Town Rugby Club. No cost shown.
J Thomas	Completed 5/7/08.	Two tickets from SLL for Cinderella. No cost shown
B Underwood	Completed 28/6/08.	Two tickets from SLL for Cinderella. No cost shown
V Warwick	Completed 6/5/08	
A Webb	Completed 5/10/08. No party membership shown	Lunch at Grovsenor House from Aldwyck Housing Assn. No cost shown. One ticket from SLL for Cinderella. No cost shown

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