

## BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

<b>From: Deputy Monitoring Officer</b>	<b>Report Number: L84</b>
<b>To: Standards Committee</b>	<b>Date of Meeting: 21 October 2011</b>

### **QUARTERLY MONITORING REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2011 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2011**

#### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To provide the Standards Committee with the information for its monitoring of interests/hospitality for the first and second quarters of 2011/12 together with statistical information relating to the local assessment of complaints during that period.
- 1.2 A table of interests declared at the District Council and Committee meetings for the period since the last report is attached as Appendix 1, together with a table of gifts and items of hospitality declared by Officers (Appendix 2) and Members (Appendix 3). Statistical information relating to the handling of complaints is set out in Appendix 4.

#### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the information appended to this report be noted.  
The Committee is able to resolve this matter.

#### **3. Financial Implications**

None.

#### **4. Risk Management**

- 4.1 This report is most closely linked with the Council's Corporate / Significant Business Risk No.5 (Governance). Key risks are set out below:

Risk Description	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigation Measures
Members' interests not declared	Low	Critical	Training undertaken by Members

#### **5. Consultations**

- 5.1 As this is a monitoring report only, no consultations are required with Unison or other outside bodies.

#### **6. Equality and Diversity Impact**

- 6.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) has not been completed because this report does not raise any equality issues.

## 7. Shared Service / Partnership Implications

7.1 There are no implications for shared services or partnerships arising from this monitoring report.

## 8. Key Information

8.1 Thirty interests were declared by eighteen different Members at meetings during the period covered by this report.

8.2 One item of hospitality was declared by a District Councillor during the period.

8.3 Eight gifts were registered by officers.

8.4 The Standards (Assessment) Sub-Committee met once during the period to consider complaints against two councillors.

## 9. Appendices

Title	Location
(a) Appendix 1 – Members' interests declared at meetings (April to September 2011)	Attached.
(b) Appendix 2 – Gifts and items of hospitality declared by Officers (April to September 2011)	Attached.
(c) Appendix 3 – Gifts and items of hospitality declared by Members (April to September 2011)	Attached.
(d) Appendix 4 – Statistical Data of Local Complaints (April to September 2011)	Attached.

## 10. Background Documents

None.

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**MEMBERS' INTERESTS DECLARED AT MEETINGS MARCH 2011 TO SEPTEMBER 2011**

MEMBER	DATE	COMMITTEE	MIN REF AND SUBJECT	PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF INTEREST	MEETING ROOM VACATED
Mr R E Kemp	16/03/2011	Development	Application No B/10/01596 - Item No. 4 (Paper K212)	Personal	In terms which could be regarded as pre-determination of the application.	Yes
Miss P F Cook	08/04/2011	Standards	Minute No. 46 (Review of Code of Conduct Complaint 2010/11)	Personal	She is a Member of Hadleigh Town Council and two of the Members referred to in this item were also Members of the Hadleigh Town Council.	No
Mr C W Arthey	13/04/2011	Development	Application No. B/11/00004 - Item No. 4 (Paper K233)	Personal	The Director of the applicant company was known to him personally.	Yes
Mr P K Beer	25/05/2011	Development	Application No. B/11/00144 - Item No. 2 (Paper L11)	Personal and Prejudicial	By virtue of being a close friend of the applicant.	Yes
Mr C W Arthey	25/05/2011	Development	Application No. B/11/00182 - Item No. 3 (Paper L11)	Personal and Prejudicial	By virtue of his interest in the land opposite the site.	Yes
Mr R C Smith	25/05/2011	Development	Application No. B/11/00144 - Item No. 2 (Paper L11)	Personal	He was acquainted with the applicant.	No
Ms J A Jenkins	25/05/2011	Development	Application No. B/11/00144 - Item No. 2 (Paper L11)	Personal	The applicant was known to her.	No
Mr N MacMaster	25/05/2011	Development	Application No. B/11/00240 - Item No. 1 (Paper L11)	Personal	He was acquainted with the applicant as a former work colleague.	No
Mr N A Ridley	02/06/2011	Strategy	Minute Nos 9 (Long Melford Conservation Area Appraisal) and Minute 10 (Shotley Gate Conservation Area and Appraisal)	Personal	As a member of the Suffolk Preservation Society.	No
Mr R C Smith	03/06/2011	Licensing Sub	Minute No 2 (Licensing Act 2003 – Review Hearing Report – Section 87 Review Of A Club Premises Certificate, Cornard United Football Club Blackhouse Lane Great Cornard)	Personal	He was acquainted with one of the interested parties, Mrs L Platt (a former Sudbury Town Councillor).	No
Mr A F D W Osborne	15/06/2011	Development	Item No. 6 of Paper L20 – Application No. B/11/00444	Personal and Prejudicial	By virtue of representing Sudbury Town Council on the Bio Diversity Trail Group.	Yes
Mr B D Hurren	15/06/2011	Development	Minute No 18 ( Draft Annual Report of Development Committee for 2010/11)	Personal	In relation to his attendance as a substitute on the Development Committee when it was considering its Annual Report which would then be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny (Stewardship) Committee, of which he is a member.	No
Mr D L Wood	21/06/2011	O&S(CS)	Minute No 8 (Babergh Community Safety Partnership Annual Review)	Personal	By virtue of representing the Suffolk Police Authority on the Partnership.	No
Mr B D Hurren	21/06/2011	O&S(CS)	Minute No 9 (Annual Report of Development Committee for 2010/11)	Personal	He had attended the Development Committee as a substitute when that Committee considered its Annual Report	No
Mrs K S Grandon	06/07/2011	Development	Application Nos. B/08/00309/CAC, B/08/00310/LBC, B/08/00311/FUL - Item 1 (Paper L38)	Personal	She used to be a member of the Hands off Hadleigh Group, but indicated that she had attended the meeting with an open mind and would listen to the debate.	No
Mr R E Kemp	06/07/2011	Development	Application Nos. B/08/00309/CAC, B/08/00310/LBC, B/08/00311/FUL - Item 1 (Paper L38)	Personal	By virtue of being a Member of Suffolk County Council which was a consultee.	No
Mr N A Ridley	06/07/2011	Development	Application Nos. B/08/00309/CAC, B/08/00310/LBC, B/08/00311/FUL - Item 1 (Paper L38)	Personal	By virtue of being a Member of the CPRE/Suffolk Preservation Society which had objected to the application, but he had taken no part in the decision to object.	No

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Mr B D Hurren	06/07/2011	Development	Application Nos. B/08/00309/CAC, B/08/00310/LBC, B/08/00311/FUL - Item 1 (Paper L38)	Personal	By virtue of being a Member of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust which had been consulted on the application.	No
Mrs A K Pollard	07/07/2011	Strategy	Minute No.30 (Contracting Arrangements for Very Sheltered Housing Services)	Personal	By virtue of her being a member of Suffolk County Council.	No
Mrs M O Munson	13/07/2011	Development	Application No B/11/00417 - Item No. 7 (Paper L44)	Personal and Prejudicial	In her capacity as a Trustee of the South Suffolk Leisure Board.	Yes
Mr D L Wood	19/07/2011	O&S(CS)	Minute No 20 (Review of Babergh's Community Grants Scheme 2010/11)	Personal	By virtue of representing Suffolk County Council on the Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB and Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Project.	No
Mr R E Kemp	19/07/2011	O&S(CS)	Minute No 20 (Review of Babergh's Community Grants Scheme 2010/11)	Personal	As Honorary President of Long Melford Cricket Club and by virtue of representing Suffolk County Council as an observer on Sudbury and District CAB.	No
Mr J M Owen	19/07/2011	O&S(CS)	Minute No 20 (Review of Babergh's Community Grants Scheme 2010/11)	Personal	As Chairman of Helping Hands.	No
Mr B D Hurren	19/07/2011	O&S(CS)	Minute No 20 below (Review of Babergh's Community Grants Scheme 2010/11)	Personal and Prejudicial	In his capacity as a Director of The Quay and Chairman of the Board.	Yes
Mr N A Ridley	18/08/2011	Strategy	Minute No 40 below (National Grid: Stage Two Draft Statement of Community Consultation)	Personal	By virtue of living close to the proposed route.	No
Mrs S M Wigglesworth	18/08/2011	Strategy	Minute No 40 below (National Grid: Stage Two Draft Statement of Community Consultation)	Personal	By virtue of living close to the proposed route.	No
Mr P J Holbrook	18/08/2011	Strategy	Minute No 40 below (National Grid: Stage Two Draft Statement of Community Consultation)	Personal	By virtue of living in the vicinity of the proposed route.	No
Mr A C Bavington	18/08/2011	Strategy	Minute No 40 below (National Grid: Stage Two Draft Statement of Community Consultation)	Personal	By virtue of living in the vicinity of the proposed route.	No
Ms J A Jenkins	18/08/2011	Strategy	Minute No 40 below (National Grid: Stage Two Draft Statement of Community Consultation)	Personal	By virtue of living in the vicinity of the proposed route.	No
Mrs A K Pollard	18/08/2011	Strategy	Minute No 40 below (National Grid: Stage Two Draft Statement of Community Consultation)	Personal	In her capacity as a Suffolk County Councillor.	No
Mr B D Hurren	13/09/2011	O&S(CS)	Minute No 27 below (Annual Report of Haven Gateway Partnership)	Personal	In his capacity as Chairman of Pin Mill Management Company	No

**APPENDIX 2****GIFTS AND ITEMS OF HOSPITALITY RECORDED BY OFFICERS (APRIL – SEPTEMBER 2011)**

<b>Directorate/Division or Section</b>	<b>Gift/Item of Hospitality</b>	<b>Gift offered by</b>
Community Development	Gift voucher (donated to charity)	Tenant in Bures St Mary
Corporate Services	Chocolate and Card	J Kukeil
Community Development	Wine and Chocolates	L Zeirel
Chief Executives	Invitation to M J Awards Evening	Wragge & Co (Solicitors)
Chief Executives	Reception at Royal Academy of Arts	Trowers (Solicitors)
Chief Executives	Dinner at LGA Conference	British Telecom
Chief Executives	Anglia Business Awards	Choose Suffolk
Community Development	Flowers	Nicola Heritage

**APPENDIX 3**

**GIFTS AND ITEMS OF HOSPITALITY RECORDED BY COUNCILLORS (APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2011)**

<b>District or Parish/Town Councillor</b>	<b>Gift/Item of Hospitality</b>	<b>Gift offered by</b>
District Councillor	Attendance at LGA delegates' dinner	Conservative Party

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**APPENDIX 4**

**STATISTICAL DATA OF LOCAL COMPLAINTS FOR THE QUARTER APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2011**

COMPLAINT(S) RECEIVED	PARAGRAPHS OF CODE	PARISH/ DISTRICT COUNCILLOR	DATE OF ASSESSMENT	DECISION	DECISION NOTICE	REVIEW REQUEST	REVIEW HEARING	DECISION	MO REPORT	HEARING	DECISION	HEARING NOTICE
23 Aug 2011	3(1), 3(2), 5	PARISH	3 Oct 2011	Referred for investigation	5 Oct 2011	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 Aug 2011 23 Aug 2011 13 Sept 2011	3(1), 3(2)(a), 3(2)(b), 5, 6	PARISH	3 Oct 2011	Referred for investigation	5 Oct 2011	-	-	-	-	-	-	-