

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL and MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL

From: Joint Monitoring Officer	Report Number: L152
To: Joint Standards Committee	Date of Meeting: 17 February 2012

MONITORING REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 7 DECEMBER 2011 TO 31 JANUARY 2012

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide the Joint Standards Committee with the information for its monitoring of interests/hospitality for the period from 7 December 2011 to 31 January 2012 together with statistical information relating to the local assessment of complaints during that period.
- 1.2 A table of interests declared at the District Councils and Committee meetings for the period is attached as Appendices 1A and 1B, together with a table of gifts and items of hospitality declared by Members (Appendices 2A and 2B). Statistical information relating to the handling of complaints is set out in Appendices 3A and 3B.

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 Key risks are set out below:

Risk Description	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigation Measures
Members' interests not declared	Low	Significant	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 Six interests were declared by five different Members of Babergh District Council at meetings during the period covered by this report.

8.2 No interests were declared by Members of Mid Suffolk District Council at meetings during the period covered by this report.

8.3 No items of hospitality were declared by either Babergh or Mid Suffolk District Councillors during the period covered by this report.

8.4 The Joint Standards (Assessment) Sub-Committee met once during the period to consider a complaint against three Councillors.

8.5 The Joint Standards (Consideration) Sub-Committee met once during the period to consider complaints against two Councillors.

9. Appendices

Title	Location
(a) Appendices 1A & 1B – Members' interests declared at meetings (7 December 2011 to 31 January 2012)	Attached.
(b) Appendices 2A & 2B – Gifts and items of hospitality declared by Members (7 December 2011 to 31 January 2012)	Attached.
(c) Appendices 3A & 3B – Statistical Data of Local Complaints (7 December 2011 to 31 January 2012)	Attached.

10. Background Documents

None.

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**GIFTS AND ITEMS OF HOSPITALITY RECORDED BY COUNCILLORS
(7 DECEMBER 2011 TO 31 JANUARY 2012)**

District or Parish/Town Councillor	Gift/Item of Hospitality	Gift offered by
None	None	None

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STATISTICAL DATA OF LOCAL BABERGH COMPLAINTS FOR THE PERIOD 7 DEC 2011 TO 31 JAN 2012

COMPLAINT RECEIVED	PARAGRAPH 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 hearing	5 Oct 2011	-	-	-	7 Dec 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 hearing	5 Oct 2011	-	-	-	7 Dec 2011	-	-	-

STATISTICAL DATA OF LOCAL MID SUFFOLK COMPLAINTS FOR THE PERIOD 7 DEC 2011 TO 31 JAN 2012

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12.10.11	5, 9, 10, 12(1)	PARISH	18 Nov 2011	Referred to MO for investigation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4.1.12 10.1.12	3, 4(b), 5, 6(a)	MSDC & PARISH	3 Feb 2012	Referred to MO for other action in respect of District Councillor and one Parish Councillor. No action to be taken in respect of second Parish Councillor.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-