

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL and MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL

From: Monitoring Officer	Report Number: JAC17
To: Joint Audit and Standards Committee	Date of Meeting: 4 November 2013

STANDARDS MONITORING REPORT: DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS/GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY (JUNE 2013 TO SEPTEMBER 2013)

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide the Joint Audit and Standards Committee with the information for its monitoring of interests/gifts and hospitality for the period from 1 June 2013 to 30 September 2013.
- 1.2 A table of interests declared at the District Council 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 as Appendices 2A and 2B.

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	Guidance is given and 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 Thirteen interests were declared by Members of Babergh District Council at meetings during the period covered by this report.

8.2 Eleven interests were declared by Members of Mid Suffolk District Council at meetings during the period covered by this report.

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

8.4 No gifts or items of hospitality were declared by Mid Suffolk District Councillors during the period covered by this report.

9. Appendices

Title	Location
1. Appendices 1A and 1B – Members’ interests declared at meetings (1 June 2013 to 30 September 2013)	Attached.
2. Appendices 2A and 2B – Gifts and items of hospitality declared by Members (1 June 2013 to 30 September 2013)	Attached.

10. Background Documents

None.

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BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBERS' INTERESTS DECLARED AT MEETINGS 1 JUNE 2013 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2013

APPENDIX 1A

MEMBER	DATE	COMMITTEE	AUTHORITY	MIN REF AND SUBJECT	PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF INTEREST	MEETING ROOM VACATED
Mr C A Roberts	12/06/2013	Planning	BDC meeting	Application No. B/12/01279/FUL - Paper N13 - Item 1	Non-pecuniary	In his capacity as a Babergh representative on the Suffolk Coast and Heaths JAC and also as a member of the Stour and Orwell Society.	Yes
Mr D C Rose	12/06/2013	Planning	BDC meeting	Application No. B/12/01279/FUL - Paper N13 - Item 1	Non-pecuniary	In his capacity as Babergh's representative on the Suffolk Coast and Heaths JAC.	No
Mrs J Antill Mr P D Burgoyne Mr B D Hurren Mr D M Busby	25/06/2013	Council	BDC meeting	Minute No.8 - Paper N25 - Payment of Special Responsibility Allowances		They would not participate or vote on the item to avoid any perception of bias because of their interest as the relevant Chair/Vice Chairs of Committees.	No
Mr N A Bennet	11/07/2013	Strategy	BDC meeting	Minute No. 20 - Paper N34 - The Localism Act 2011 - Community Rights	Non-pecuniary	In his capacity as Sudbury Town Councillor with regard to Belle Vue House.	No
Mr S R Barrett	11/07/2013	Strategy	BDC meeting	Minute No. 20 - Paper N34 - The Localism Act 2011 - Community Rights	Non-pecuniary	In his capacity as Sudbury Town Councillor with regard to Belle Vue House.	No
Ms J A Jenkins	11/07/2013	Strategy	BDC meeting	Minute No. 21 - Paper N35 - Request to Register an Asset of Community Value - The Case is Altered Public House, Capel Road, Bentley	Non-pecuniary	With regard to her relationship to a Suffolk County Councillor who might wish to use his Locality Budget funding in connection with the Community Right to Bid.	No
Mr P K Beer	24/07/2013	Planning	BDC meeting	Application No. B/13/00428 - Paper N40 - Item 1	Pecuniary	To avoid any perception of bias as the applicant was known to him.	Yes
Mrs J Antill	31/07/2013	Joint Scrutiny	Joint meeting	Minute No. 8 - Review of the Western Community Safety Partnership	Non-pecuniary	As a Babergh representative on the Partnership and its Vice-Chairan, and as Chairman of the Babergh Community Safety Partnership.	No
Mrs M O Munson	04/09/2013	Planning	BDC meeting	Application No. B/13/00721/FUL - Paper N49 - Item 3		To avoid any perception of bias, by reason of her acquaintance with the applicant.	Yes
Mr D H Keane	18/09/2013	Planning	BDC meeting	Application No. B/13/00932/FHA - Paper N58 - Item 5	Pecuniary	As the applicant.	Yes

MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBERS' INTERESTS DECLARED AT MEETINGS 1 JUNE 2013 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2013

APPENDIX 1B

MEMBER	DATE	COMMITTEE	AUTHORITY	MIN REF AND SUBJECT	PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF INTEREST	MEETING ROOM VACATED
Mrs S E Mansell Mrs J C Storey Mr A G Stringer	05/06/2013	Development Control A	MSDC Meeting	Application No. 2880/13 - Paper NA/14/13 - Item 1		The applicant is known to them.	
Mr A G Stringer	17/06/2013	Executive	MSDC Meeting	Paper X/60/13- Item 12	Non-pecuniary	On the grounds that he was a director of a similar Community Interest Company. He further advised the Committee that he was Ward Member for Mendlesham in respect of Item 5, Report X.55/13.	
Mrs D Kearsley	17/06/2013	Executive	MSDC Meeting	Paper X/60/13- Item 12	Non-pecuniary	On the grounds that she was a Member of the Community Interest Company at the Wingfield Barns site.	
Mrs R J Eburne Mr J E Matthissen Mrs J C Storey	27/06/2013	Council	MSDC Meeting	Minute CL38 - Report to Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils from the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) - June 2013		As a result of being Chairman/Vice-Chairman of the Joint Scrutiny Committee or Joint Audit and Standards Committee	Yes
Mrs P J E Robinson	17/07/2013	Development Control B	MSDC Meeting	Application No. 1003/13 - Paper SA/14/13	Non-pecuniary	An acquaintance of the applicant.	
Mrs E Gibson-Harries	31/07/2013	Joint Scrutiny	Joint meeting	Minute No. 8 - Review of the Western Community Safety Partnership	Non-pecuniary	In her capacity as a Mid Suffolk representative on the Western Suffolk Community Partnership.	No
Mrs J C Storey	14/08/2013	Development Control A	MSDC Meeting	Application No. 1540/13 - SA/16/13	Non-pecuniary	An acquaintance of the applicant.	

**GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY RECORDED BY BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCILLORS
(1 JUNE 2013 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2013)**

District Councillor	Gift/Hospitality	Gift/Hospitality offered by
None	None	None

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District Councillor	Gift/Hospitality	Gift/Hospitality offered by
None	None	None