

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

FROM: Deputy Monitoring Officer

REPORT NUMBER J56

TO: STANDARDS COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING 10 July 2009

QUARTERLY MONITORING REPORT FOR THE PERIOD APRIL TO JUNE 2009

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide the Standards Committee with the information for its quarterly monitoring of interests/hospitality for the period from April to the end of June 2009, and statistical information relating to the local assessment of complaints for the quarter ending 30 June 2009.
- 1.2 A table of interests declared at the District Council and Committee meetings for this period is attached to this report as Appendix 1, together with a table of gifts and items of hospitality declared by Officers (Appendix 2). Statistical information relating to the handling of complaints is set out in Appendix 3.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the information appended to this report be noted.
- 2.2 That consideration be given as to whether, in future, the advice provided to Councillors regarding the use of Council resources during "election moratorium" periods for County and District elections should be approved in advance by this Committee.

The Committee is able to resolve this matter.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

4. KEY INFORMATION

- 4.1 A total of 31 interests was declared by 16 Members at relevant meetings during the period of this review.
- 4.2 No gifts/items of hospitality were declared by District, Parish or Town Councillors during the period.
- 4.3 Two gifts or items of hospitality for the period were registered by officers.
- 4.4 The Standards (Review) Sub-Committee dealt with five cases during the period. One of these concerned the alleged use of Council resources for political purposes during an election moratorium period and the Assessment Sub-Committee invited this Committee to consider whether, in future, it would wish to consider and approve in advance any advice given to Members on this subject.

5. **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 - Members' interests declared at meetings (April to June 2009).

Appendix 2 - Gifts and items of hospitality declared by Officers (April to June 2009).

Appendix 3 - Statistical Data of Local Complaints for the quarter, 1 April to 30 June 2009.

6. **BACKGROUND PAPERS REFERRED TO**

None.

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MEMBERS' INTERESTS DECLARED AT MEETINGS MARCH - JUNE 2009)

MEMBER	DATE	COMMITTEE	MIN REF AND SUBJECT	PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF INTEREST	MEETING ROOM VACATED
Mr C M Spence	12/02/2009	Strategy	Minute No. 123 - Budget 2009/10	Personal	Member of Suffolk County Council	No
Mr R E Kemp	12/02/2009	Strategy	Minute No. 123 - Budget 2009/10	Personal	Member of Suffolk County Council and Long Melford and Alpheton Parish Councils	No
Mrs S Carpendale	12/02/2009	Strategy	Minute No. 123 - Budget 2009/10	Personal	Employee of the University Campus Suffolk	No
Mr N A Bennett	12/02/2009	Strategy	Minute No. 123 - Budget 2009/10	Personal	Member of Sudbury Town Council	No
Mr J Hinton	12/02/2009	Strategy	Minute No. 123 - Budget 2009/10	Personal	Parish Councillor	No
Mr C M Spence	12/02/2009	Strategy	Minute No. 124 - Consultation on Waste Core Strategy Issues	Personal	Member of Suffolk County Council	No
Mr R E Kemp	12/02/2009	Strategy	Minute No. 124 - Consultation on Waste Core Strategy Issues	Personal	Member of Suffolk County Council and SCC Development Committee	No
Mr R E Kemp	12/02/2009	Strategy	Minute No. 127 - Belle Vue Sudbury	Personal	Suffolk County Council representative on the Trustees of the Sudbury CAB	No
Mr N A Bennett	12/02/2009	Strategy	Minute No. 127 - Belle Vue Sudbury	Personal	Member of Sudbury Town Council	No
Mr G S White	24/02/2009	Council	Minute No. 67 - Budget 2009/10	Personal	Member of the South Suffolk Leisure Trust Board and the Ipswich and District Citizens Advice Bureau	No
Mr C M Spence	24/02/2009	Council	Minute No. 67 - Budget 2009/10	Personal	Member of the Suffolk County Council	No
Mrs J Antill	24/02/2009	Council	Minute No. 67 - Budget 2009/10	Personal	Director of the Sudbury and District Citizens Advice Bureau and a Governor of the Gainsborough House Society	No
Mr R E Kemp	24/02/2009	Council	Minute No. 67 - Budget 2009/10	Personal	Member of Suffolk County Council and a Director of the Sudbury and District Citizens Advice Bureau	No
Mr P K Beer	24/02/2009	Council	Minute No. 67 - Budget 2009/10	Personal	Member of Suffolk County Council	No
Mr D G Grutchfield	24/02/2009	Council	Minute No. 67 - Budget 2009/10	Personal	Member of Suffolk County Council	No
Mr B L Lazenby	24/02/2009	Council	Minute No. 67 - Budget 2009/10	Personal	Member of the South Suffolk Leisure Trust	No
Mr D L Wood	24/02/2009	Council	Minute No. 67 - Budget 2009/10	Personal	Member of the Suffolk County Council	No
Mr B D Hurren	24/02/2009	Council	Minute No. 67 - Budget 2009/10	Personal	Member of the Board of The Quay Theatre, Sudbury	No
Mrs M O Munson	12/03/2009	Hadleigh and District Swimming Pool Trust Committee	Minute No. 5 - Consideration of the Council's Proposal to Fence in Land in Leasehold Ownership of The Trust in order to Pre-empt any Public Claim that such land is "Common Land"	Personal	Member of Hadleigh Town Council	No
Mr D L Wood	31/03/2009	Overview & Scrutiny (Community Services)	Minute No. 63 - Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies	Personal	Member of the Suffolk Police Authority	No

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Mr R E Kemp	07/04/2009	Strategy	Minute No. 137 - Recommendations and reports from Committees	Personal	He is a private landlord	No
Mr A J Ward	07/04/2009	Strategy	Minute No. 144 - Reduction in council house rent increases	Personal	His daughter is a council house tenant	No
Mr C W Arthey	08/04/2009	Development	Application No. B/09/00192 - Paper H223 - Item 3	Personal	One of the tenants of the units was known to him.	Yes
Mr L S Johnson	08/04/2009	Development	Application No. B/09/00191 - Paper H223 - Item 6	Prejudicial	He is the applicant.	Yes
Mr C M Spence	21/04/2009	Annual Council	Minute No. 7 - Local Government Review	Personal	Member of Suffolk County Council	No
Mr R E Kemp	21/04/2009	Annual Council	Minute No. 7 - Local Government Review	Personal	Member of Suffolk County Council	No
Mr D L Wood	21/04/2009	Annual Council	Minute No. 7 - Local Government Review	Personal	Member of Suffolk County Council	No
Mr D G Grutchfield	21/04/2009	Annual Council	Minute No. 7 - Local Government Review	Personal	Member of Suffolk County Council	No
Mr A J Ward	06/05/2009	Development Committee	Application No. B/08/01288 - Paper J14 - Item 3	Prejudicial	Member of Brantham Athletic Sport and Social Club	Yes
Mr L S Johnson	03/06/2009	Development Committee	Application No. B/09/00191 - Paper J30 - Item 1	Prejudicial	He is the applicant	Yes
Mr D L Wood	26/05/2009	Overview & Scrutiny (Community Services)	Minute No.8 - Councillor Call For Action and Minute No.9 - Babergh Community Safety Partnership - Annual Review	Personal	Member of Suffolk Police Authority	No

GIFTS AND ITEMS OF HOSPITALITY RECORDED BY OFFICERS (APRIL - JUNE 2009)

Directorate/Division or Section	Gift/Item of Hospitality	Gift offered by
Chief Executive's	Lunch	Mayor of St Edmundsbury Borough Council
Development Control	Tie	Mr Cook, 9A George Street, Hadleigh

STATISTICAL DATA OF LOCAL COMPLAINTS FOR THE PERIOD MARCH TO JUNE 2009

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
07.04.09 Case No. 20218	3(1), 5	PC	29.04.09	Other Action	30.04.09		Decision Upheld	-	-	-	-	-
03.04.09 Case No. 20177	3(1), 5	PC	29.04.09	No Action	30.04.09		Decision Upheld	-	-	-	-	-
11.06.09 Case No. 20932	3(1), 5	DC	26.06.09	Referred to SBE	26.06.09	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29.05.09 Case No. 20836	6(b) (ii)	DC	26.06.09	Other Action	26.06.09	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
05.06.09 Case No. 20273	9, 10,12(i)(c), 6(a)	PC	19.06.09	Referred to MO for investigation	22.06.09	-	-	-	-	-	-	-