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| <b>MEETING OF</b> | <b>STANDARDS COMMITTEE</b>                                     |
| <b>DATE</b>       | <b>27 JANUARY 2014</b>   |
| <b>SUBJECT</b>    | <b>PROTOCOL ON THE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA BY COUNCILLORS</b>      |
| <b>PURPOSE</b>    | <b>TO APPROVE A DRAFT PROTOCOL FOR CONSULTATION</b>            |
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1. Both the Standards Committee and the Democratic Services Committee have agreed in the past on the need to have a protocol on the use of Social Media by councillors and agreed to set up a Joint Task Group with three members from both committees to draft such a protocol.

2. The Task Group has met on two occasions. In addition, the Democratic Services Committee has held an initial discussion on the content and has submitted observations that were considered by the Task Group. The latest draft is appended to this report for consideration by the Committee.

3. On distribution of this draft to the committee, members of the Democratic Services Committee will also receive a draft and they will be invited to submit observations for consideration by the Standards Committee.

4. After the approval of any changes at this meeting, the next step would be for the next version of the draft, as amended, to be shared with all councillors so that the proposed protocol can be presented to the full Council at its meeting on 6th March, 2014.

5. I recommend that any observations received in response to that be considered by myself and the Monitoring Officer and any changes be agreed with the chairmen of the two committees to enable prompt submission to the full Council at its next meeting.

**APPENDIX.**

**REGISTER OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY GWYNEDD COUNCIL MEMBERS  
2012 -2017.**

| <b>Date on the form/e-mail</b> | <b>Gift/Hospitality declared</b>   | <b>Accepted/<br/>Refused</b> | <b>Value.</b> |
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| 14.11.12                       | Supper invitation to the Celt Hotel from Wales Arts Council.                                   | Accepted                     | Over £25.     |
| 14.11.12                       | Invitation, ticket and refreshment for the Rugby 6 Nations Game at Cardiff 17.3.12 from S4C    | Refused                      | Over £25      |
| 02.05.13                       | Dinner invitation at Port Meirion Hotel 23 <sup>rd</sup> April, 2013 from German Industry U.K. | Accepted                     | Over £25      |
| 23.09.13                       | Saffron, curry and rice, cushion cover and lighter from a member of the public                 | Accepted                     | Under £25.    |

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MEMBERS 2012 -2017.**

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| Number of councils which replied to the questionnaire             | 29 |
| Number of councils that keep a register of gifts and hospitality. | 10 |
| Number of declarations made since May 2012                        | 0. |