Committee:	THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE
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Title:	The Gifts and Hospitality register for Members
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Purpose:	For information

Backgorund

1. This report is presented to the Committee as part of its work of monitoring standards within the Council.

2. Gwynedd Council's Code of Conduct for Members makes it compulsory for members to register any offer of a gift, hospitality material benefit or advantage above the value of £25. Such offers must be registered whether accepted or not.

3. A form is availabe for registering offers and acopy is attached as Appendix 1.

The Protocol

4. The Council adopted a Protocol for Members on Gifts and Hospitality in 2004. Following the publication of a new Code of Conduct and Guidelines by the Ombudsman the Standards Committee reviewed the Protocol and presented its recommendations to the Council. The Council adopted the current Protocol, incorporating the Committee's suggested amendements on 2 May 2013.

5. A copy of the Protocol is attached as Appendix 2.

The Register

6. The forms are kept together and form the register. This Committee has in past discussed whther the register should be published on eth Council's website. It was decided then (2004) that it should not be. By now, eth Council must publish its register of Members' Interests on the webisute but no such obligation exists in respect of the register of Gifts and Hospitality.

Analysis

7. The registrations on the current register were analysed and the results are set out in eth table below:

Date of Form	Gift/Hospitality	Accepted/refused	Value
27/07/27	Business lunch before a meeting of the Pensions Investments Panel at the offices of Black Rock, London	Accepted	About £30
27/07/17	As above	Accepted	About £30
27/07/27	As above	Accepted	About £30
27/007/17	As above	Accepted	About £30
26/10/18	Flowers left on doorstep	Accepted	£25

Recommendation

7.The Committee is asked to**:**

(a) note and accept the report

(b) offer any obsevations on the report