

TO: GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
2 JULY 2013

**CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS
THRESHOLD FOR REGISTRATION OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITIES
Director of Corporate Services – Legal**

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To secure the recommendations of the Committee as to whether the current threshold for the registration of gifts and hospitality (£25) should be revised (upwards or downwards) or confirmed at its existing level.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is requested to either recommend to Council a new threshold for the registration of gifts and hospitality or to confirm that the existing threshold of £25 should be retained.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 At the meeting of the Committee on 29 January 2013 it was agreed that the Standards Committee should have the opportunity to give specific consideration as to whether the threshold set in the Code of Conduct for Members for registration of gifts and hospitality should be revised. The Standards Committee will consider the issue at its meeting on 24 June 2013 (copy report annexed). The outcome of the Standards Committee's deliberations will be reported to the Committee.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 None.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 See attached report to the Standards Committee.

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

- 6.1 The Borough Solicitor is the author of this report.

Borough Treasurer

- 6.2 There are no financial implications directly arising.

Equalities Impact Assessment

- 6.3 Not required.

Strategic Risk Management Issues

- 6.4 None.

Other Officers

6.5 None.

7 CONSULTATION

Principal Groups Consulted

7.1 The Standards Committee.

Method of Consultation

7.2 Report to meeting of Standards Committee 24 June 2013.

Representations Received

7.3 To be advised.

Background Papers

None.

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