

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

FROM: Deputy Monitoring Officer

REPORT NUMBER **J116**

TO: STANDARDS COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING 16 October 2009

QUARTERLY MONITORING REPORT FOR THE PERIOD JULY TO SEPTEMBER 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 July to the end of September 2009, and statistical information relating to the local assessment of complaints for the quarter ending 30 September 2009.
- 1.2 A table of interests declared at the District Council and Committee meetings for the period since the last report is attached 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.

The Committee is able to resolve this matter.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

4. KEY INFORMATION

- 4.1 A total of 12 interests was declared by 8 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 Four gifts or items of hospitality for the period were registered by officers.
- 4.4 The Standards (Assessment) Sub-Committee dealt with four cases during the period. There was also one hearing conducted by the Hearings Sub-Committee.

5. APPENDICES

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

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

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

6. **BACKGROUND PAPERS REFERRED TO**

None.

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MEMBERS' INTERESTS DECLARED AT MEETINGS MID JUNE TO SEPT 2009)

MEMBER	DATE	COMMITTEE	MIN REF AND SUBJECT	PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF INTEREST	MEETING ROOM VACATED
Mr C M Spence	18/06/2009	Strategy	Minute No. 18 - Sudbury Town Centre Bus Station Site	Personal	Member of Suffolk County Council	No
Mr R E Kemp	18/06/2009	Strategy	Minute No. 18 - Sudbury Town Centre Bus Station Site	Personal	Member of Suffolk County Council	No
Mr C M Spence	18/06/2009	Strategy	Minute No. 19 - Department of Transport Consultation	Personal	Member of Suffolk County Council	No
Mr R E Kemp	18/06/2009	Strategy	Minute No. 19 - Department of Transport Consultation	Personal	Member of Suffolk County Council	No
Mr N A Bennett	18/06/2009	Strategy	Minute No. 19 - Department of Transport Consultation	Personal	Member of Suffolk County Council	No
Mr B D Hurren	30/06/2009	Overview and Scrutiny (Community Services)	Minute No. 15 - Review of Discretionary Grants 2008/09	Personal	Member of Suffolk County Council	No
Mr R W Thake	29/07/2009	Development	Application Nos. B/09/00603, B/09/00535 and B/09/00641 Paper J61 - Items 3 and 4	Prejudicial	Member of Glemsford Parish Council	Yes
Mr P K Beer	29/07/2009	Development	Application No. B/09/00649 - Paper J61 - Item 12	Personal	Member of Suffolk County Council	No
Mr C M Spence	30/07/2009	Strategy	Minute No. 30 - Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs in Babergh	Personal	Member of Suffolk County Council	No
Mr C M Spence	30/07/2009	Strategy	Minute No. 33 - Ipswich Hospital Foundation Trust	Personal	Member of Suffolk County Council	No
Mr D L Wood	18/08/2009	Overview and Scrutiny (Community Services)	Minute No. 23 - Ipswich Hospital Foundation Trust	Personal	Member of family worked in HR of the NHS Trust	No
Mr L S Johnson	26/08/2009	Development	Application No. B/09/00583 - Paper J80 Item 2	Personal	Occasional user of Nayland Airfield	No

GIFTS AND ITEMS OF HOSPITALITY RECORDED BY OFFICERS (JULY - SEPT 2009)

Directorate/Division or Section	Gift/Item of Hospitality	Gift offered by
Finance	Business Lunch	Zurich Municipal Insurance
Development Control	Chocolates	M Went (MSc Student)
Benefits and Revenues	Bottle of Norfolk Punch	Mr Copping, 17 Bridge St, Hadleigh
Corporate Services	Chocolates	Councillor L Johnson

STATISTICAL DATA OF LOCAL COMPLAINTS FOR THE PERIOD JULY TO SEPTEMBER 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	No Action/Other Action	30.04.09	25.05.09	15.06.09	Decision Upheld	10.07.09 16.10.09	-	-	-
11.06.09 Case No. 20932	3(1), 5	DC	26.06.09	Referred to SBE	26.06.09	-		No action	-	-	-	-
29.05.09 Case No. 20836	6(b) (ii)	DC	26.06.09	Other Action	26.06.09	N/A	N/A	N/A	16.10.09	-	-	-
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	N/A	N/A	N/A	27.08.09	15.09.09	Breach of 9(1) and 12(1) sanction training	17.09.09
10.08.09 Case No. 22282	3(1), 3(2), 4(b), 5, 6(a)	PC	27.08.09	Other Action	01.09.09	N/A	N/A	N/A				
25.08.09 Case No. 22332	3(1), 3(2)(b), 5	PC	22.09.09	Referred to MO for investigation	23.09.09	N/A	N/A	N/A				