

WIRRAL COUNCIL

PENSIONS COMMITTEE

22 MARCH 2018

SUBJECT:	MONITORING OF GIFTS, HOSPITALITY AND SUBSIDISED BUSINESS EVENTS
WARD/S AFFECTED:	NONE
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF PENSIONS
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides Members with a summary of subsidised business events attended by officers of the Fund and details of gifts and hospitality received from January 2017 to December 2017.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 2.1 In November 2012, this Committee approved new guidance in relation to the declaration of gifts and hospitality received by officers and those members of Committee that are not otherwise subject to personal conduct arrangements.
- 2.2 The guidance is reflected by Wirral in its overall governance arrangements and is set out in the Fund's Compliance Manual, reflecting the practicalities of the Pension Fund's business needs.
- 2.3 Appendix 1 and 2 provide schedules of declarations from January 2017 to December 2017.

3.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 3.1 It is important that the Fund has clear guidelines and that officers' activities are subject to review by Committee.
- 3.2 A failure to recognise and allow for the differences of the Fund's business activities may inhibit the Fund's development and monitoring arrangements and incur additional costs.

4.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 No other options have been considered.

5.0 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 There has been no consultation undertaken or proposed for this report. There are no implications for partner organisations arising from this report.

6.0 OUTSTANDING PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ACTIONS

6.1 There are no previously approved actions outstanding.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

7.1 There are none arising from this report.

8.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS

8.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

9.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are none arising from this report.

10.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Has the potential impact of your proposal(s) been reviewed with regard to equality?

(b) No because there is no relevance to equality.

11.0 CARBON REDUCTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no carbon usage implications, nor any other relevant environmental issues arising from this report.

12.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

12.1 There are none arising from this report.

13.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

13.1 That Committee notes the report.

14.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

14.1 It is important that the Fund has clear guidelines and that officers' activities are subject to review by Committee to ensure transparency.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Register of Gifts and Hospitality
Appendix 2 Register of Subsidised Business Events

BACKGROUND PAPERS/REFERENCE MATERIAL

None

BRIEFING NOTES HISTORY

Briefing Note	Date

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Pensions Committee	21 March 2017
Pensions Committee	17 November 2015
Pensions Committee	19 November 2014
Pensions Committe	24 June 2013