



Gifts and Hospitality Policy

West Bedlington Town Council

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Scope

There are occasions when a Member of this Town Council may wish to declare the receipt of a gift or hospitality to avoid unwarranted imputations.

Policy

1. The Council therefore recommends that any Member of this Council who receives a gift with a value of over £25.00 in the course of their duties as a Councillor for this Council should complete the attach form.
2. The form should also be used to record any hospitality received in the course of Council duties.
3. This policy is voluntary although a serious failure to declare may be regarded as a breach of the Council's Code of Conduct by bringing the Council into disrepute or a failure to declare the Appendix B (Declaration of Interests) interest of

any person from whom the member has received within the previous three years gifts or hospitality worth more than an estimated value of £50 which the member has received by virtue of his or her office.

Reporting

1. On receipt of the form, the clerk will send a copy to the County Council for placing on their website alongside the Councillor's Register of Interests.
2. Report the gift or hospitality at the next full Council Meeting.