

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

FROM: Deputy Monitoring Officer

REPORT NUMBER J165

TO: STANDARDS COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING 22 January 2010

QUARTERLY MONITORING REPORT FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 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 September to the end of December 2009, and statistical information relating to the local assessment of complaints for the quarter ending 31 December 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 27 interests was declared by 19 different 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 Twelve 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.

5. APPENDICES

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

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

Appendix 3 - Statistical Data of Local Complaints for the quarter, 1 October to December 2009.

6. **BACKGROUND PAPERS REFERRED TO**

None.

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MEMBERS' INTERESTS DECLARED AT MEETINGS MID-SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2009)

MEMBER	DATE	COMMITTEE	MIN REF AND SUBJECT	PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF INTEREST	MEETING ROOM VACATED
Mr C W Arthey	23/09/2009	Development	Application No. B/09/00850 (Paper J96 - Item 5)	Personal	By virtue of being known by the applicant	Yes
Mrs S P Clarke	06/10/2009	O & S (CS)	Minute No. 31 - Update on Implementation of Actions Resulting from the Pitt Review	Personal	By virtue of being the Council's representative on the Suffolk Flood Risk Management Joint Scrutiny Panel	No
Mr N A Ridley	08/10/2009	Strategy	Minute No. 57 - Response to National Grid Draft Statement of Community Consultation	Personal	By virtue of living in the vicinity of one of the proposed routes	No
Mrs S M Wigglesworth	08/10/2009	Strategy	Minute No. 57 - Response to National Grid Draft Statement of Community Consultation	Personal	By virtue of living in the vicinity of one of the proposed routes	No
Mrs S Carpendale	08/10/2009	Strategy	Minute No. 57 - Response to National Grid Draft Statement of Community Consultation	Personal	By virtue of her husband holding a small number of shares in National Grid	No
Mr C M Spence	08/10/2009	Strategy	Minute No. 56 - Hamilton Road Quarter (Sudbury Town Bus Station Site) Public Consultation Stage for Development Brief	Personal	By virtue of being the County Councillor for the Division in which the proposal was located	No
Mr P Jones	16/10/2009	Standards	Minute No. 31 - Training for Parish Councillors and Clerks	Personal	By virtue of serving on the executive of the the Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC).	No
Mr G S White	20/10/2009	Council	Minute No. 36 - Development of Swimming Provision in Partnership with South Suffolk Leisure	Personal	By virtue of being a Trustee of SSL	Yes
Mr B L Lazenby	20/10/2009	Council	Minute No. 36 - Development of Swimming Provision in Partnership with South Suffolk Leisure	Personal	By virtue of being a Trustee of SSL	Yes
Mrs J Antill	20/10/2009	Council	Minute No. 30 (e) - Interim Report on the 2009/10 SFP Process	Personal	By virtue of being a Trustee of the CAB	No
Mr R E Kemp	20/10/2009	Council	Minute No. 30 (e) - Interim Report on the 2009/10 SFP Process	Personal	By virtue of being a Trustee of the CAB	No
Mr G S White	20/10/2009	Council	Minute No. 30 (e) - Interim Report on the 2009/10 SFP Process	Personal	By virtue of being a Trustee of the CAB	No
Mr A J Ward	21/10/2009	Development	Application No. B/09/00778 (Paper J121 - Item 6)	Personal	By virtue of being known by the applicant	Yes
Mrs J Antill	29/10/2009	Council	Minute No. 42 - State of the District Debate	Personal	By virtue of her capacity as a Director of Sudbury CAB	No
Mr R E Kemp	05/11/2009	Strategy	Minute No. 68 - Current Consultation on Regional Spatial Strategy Review 2011-2031	Personal	By virtue of his involvement in the Review process in his capacity as a Suffolk County Councillor	No
Mr D C Rose	18/11/2009	Development	Application No. B/09/00821/DPA (Paper J132 - Item 7)	Personal	By virtue of being a Member of the Pin Mill Task Group	No
Mr D H Keane	18/11/2009	Development	Application No. B/09/00821/DPA (Paper J132 - Item 7)	Personal	By virtue of being a Member of the Pin Mill Task Group	No
Mr P Jones	18/11/2009	Development	Application No. B/09/00821/DPA (Paper J132 - Item 7)	Personal	By virtue of being a Member of the Pin Mill Task Group	No
Mr P K Beer	18/11/2009	Development	Application No. B/09/00860/FUL (Paper J132 - Item 2)	Personal	By virtue of living in the same road as the application site	No
Mrs S P Clarke	24/11/2009	O&S(CS)	Minute No. 41 - Review of Significant Partnerships	Personal	By virtue of being Chairman of Babergh East LSP	No
Mr N A Bennett	08/12/2009	Strategy	Minute No. 77(b) - Managing Babergh Car Parks	Prejudicial	By virtue of being a Member of Sudbury Town Council	Yes
Mr N A Bennett	08/12/2009	Strategy	Minute No. 77(a) - 2010/11 Budget - Savings and Efficiencies and Additional Income (SFP Task Group)	Prejudicial	Concerning the reduction of community grant to the sports facility of the school at which he is employed	Yes
Mr P Jones	08/12/2009	Strategy	Minute No. 77(a) - 2010/11 Budget - Savings and Efficiencies and Additional Income (SFP Task Group)	Personal	By virtue of being a trustee of the Copdock Village Hall Management Committee	No

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Ms J A Jenkins	08/12/2009	Strategy	Minute No. 77(a) - 2010/11 Budget - Savings and Efficiencies and Additional Income (SFP Task Group)	Personal	By virtue of being Chairman of the Leavenheath Village Hall Management Committee	No
Mrs S M Wigglesworth	08/12/2009	Strategy	Minute No. 77(a) - 2010/11 Budget - Savings and Efficiencies and Additional Income (SFP Task Group)	Personal	By virtue of being Chairman of the Polstead Village Hall Management Committee	No
Mr R Whiting	08/12/2009	Strategy	Minute No. 77(b) - Managing Babergh Car Parks	Personal	By virtue of being a Member of Hadleigh Town Council	No
Dr M R Miller	08/12/2009	Strategy	Minute No. 77(a) - 2010/11 Budget - Savings and Efficiencies and Additional Income (SFP Task Group)	Personal	By virtue of being a District Council representative on the East Bergholt High School Dual Use Sports Centre Management Committee	No

GIFTS AND ITEMS OF HOSPITALITY RECORDED BY OFFICERS (SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2009)

Directorate/Division or Section	Gift/Item of Hospitality	Gift offered by
Finance	Diary	Zurich Municipal Insurance
Corporate Services	Tin of biscuits	Rajapack
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Natural and Built Environment	Bottle of wine/flowers	Mr M Hammond
Customer Services	Staff Christmas party invitation	Rundles, Bailiffs
Community and Development	Champagne	Unnamed Council tenant
Corporate Services	Blotting pads/sweets	Key Personnel
Contract and Asset Management	Port, cheese and biscuits	Olive Catering
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Finance	Wine/chocolates	Rundles, Bailiffs
Natural and Built Environment	2 bottles of wine	Aran Services

STATISTICAL DATA OF LOCAL COMPLAINTS FOR THE QUARTER OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 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 27.11.09	-	-	-
29.05.09 Case No. 20836	6(b) (ii)	DC	26.06.09	Other Action	26.06.09	N/A	N/A	N/A	17.11.09	-	-	-
05.11.09 Case No. 23023	6(a), 6(b)(i), 5	DC	17.11.09	No action	19.11.09	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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	01/12/2009	-	-	-
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				