



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 Town 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 attached form.
2. The form should also be used to record any hospitality received in the course of Council duties.
3. Compliance with this policy is voluntary. However, a serious failure to declare gifts or hospitality — specifically those with an estimated value exceeding £50, as outlined in Appendix B (Declaration of Interests) — may be treated as a breach of the Council's Code of Conduct by bringing the Council into disrepute.

Reporting

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