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Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Authority
Audit and Standards Committee
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REPORT AUTHOR: SECRETARY/MONITORING OFFICER

SUBJECT: ANNUAL REPORT ON REGISTRATION OF INTERESTS AND GIFTS/HOSPITALITY

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Background Papers: None

Implications (tick ✓):

LEGAL		✓	FINANCIAL		✓
HUMAN RESOURCES			EQUALITY IMPACT		
ENVIRONMENTAL			POLICY		
CORPORATE RISK	Known		OTHER (please specify)		
	New		CORE BRIEF		

Ay implications affecting this report are noted at the end of the report

PURPOSE:

To report on the registration of interests and gifts/hospitality by Members during the past year.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Members acknowledge the report.

1. Interests

- 1.1 The Localism Act 2011 replaced personal and prejudicial interests with pecuniary interests, and the Fire and Rescue Authority's (FRA) Code of Conduct included other non-statutory interests, as specified. A Member is required to declare at a meeting a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) of which he/she is aware, and may not participate in discussion or vote on that matter. The FRA has also agreed that the Member should leave the room during its consideration and this must be recorded in the minutes. Non-statutory interests under the Code are also required to be declared at a meeting.
- 1.2 The FRA's Code of Conduct requires all Members to submit to the Monitoring Officer a list of their DPis within 28 days of their appointment to the FRA. I can report that all Members have completed and submitted registration of interest forms which have been published on the Service Website and these have been reviewed and re-submitted since June 2018.

2. Gifts/Hospitality

- 2.1 Under the FRA's Code of Conduct a Member is required to give written notice to the Monitoring Officer of any gift, benefit or hospitality in excess of £50 in value (within 28 days of acceptance) received by them as a Member of the FRA from any other person/body. These notifications are then placed in the public register.
- 2.2 No entries have been made in the register during the past year.

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