

MEMORANDUM

To: Directors and all Members of Staff

From: Mr R Dowey

Date: 20 May 2010

Re: Pecuniary Interests, Gifts and Hospitality

Council employees are reminded that there is a requirement under Sections 46, 47 and 146 of the Local Government Act 1972 for employees to disclose pecuniary interests and receipts of gifts and hospitality.

Pecuniary Interests

Where an Officer of the Council has any pecuniary interest, direct or indirect with the Council this should be disclosed to the Director of the Department in writing, stating the nature of the interest.

Gifts and Hospitality

For the Year 2010/2011 the diminimus level in Newry and Mourne District Council for the declaration of gifts and hospitality is the sum of £30 sterling. Where an employee is taken out for a meal, is given a gift, or receives benefits (i.e. free travel etc.) from any source due to their employment with the District Council then, if the value of any of these items is in excess of £30, these should be declared in the "Declaration of Gifts Book".

Two books are in operation, one is held at the Reception desk at Monaghan Row and the other at the Reception desk in Greenbank.

Essentially the major reason for these declarations is that all employees are seen to have no beneficial interest in the outcome of any contract and to ensure there is openness in all matters between Council employees and those having or likely to have business dealings with the Council.

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