







AUDIT PANEL Friday, 22 September 2017

MOPAC Gifts and Hospitality

Report by: Chief Executive, Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime

Report Summary

Overall Summary of the Purpose of the Report

This report is intended to assure the Audit Panel that the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) adheres to its gifts and hospitality policy, and that the policy is in line with statutory requirements.

Key Considerations for the Panel

That the Panel is satisfied that MOPAC operates an appropriate and transparent gifts and hospitality process.

Interdependencies/Cross Cutting Issues

This paper should be considered alongside the Met's gifts and hospitality report.

Recommendations

The Audit Panel is recommended to note the MOPAC gifts and hospitality report for the period March-August 2017.

1. Supporting Information

MOPAC Gifts and Hospitality Policy

- 1.1 MOPAC is required by the Elected Local Policing Bodies (Specified Information) Order 2011 (the Order) to publish a register of each offer of a gift or hospitality made to members of staff.
- MOPAC's Gifts and Hospitality Policy is built upon this requirement as well as the standards of conduct expected of those that serve the public, as set out by the Committee on Standards in Public Life (the Nolan Committee). The policy has been developed to ensure that MOPAC staff do not accept a gift or hospitality in circumstances where it could influence, or be seen to influence, that member of staff's business actions or decisions.
- 1.3 MOPAC's policy sets out for all staff and non-staff appointees the process to be followed when offered gifts and hospitality; including whether they should be accepted and how to register offers.

Report to the Audit Panel

1.4 At its meeting on 31 March 2017, the Audit Panel requested that the MOPAC and Met gifts and hospitality reports be reviewed to determine if the reporting format could be aligned. As a result, the information set out is aligned with the information provided in the Met report and provides a summary of the gifts and hospitality offered to MOPAC staff and non-staff appointees for the period 1 March to 31 August 2017.

Gifts and Hospitality Accepted or Declined 1 March - 31 August 2017

MOPAC Staff and Non-Staff Appointees	Accepted	Declined	Total offered
Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime	4	1	5
Chief Executive Officer	4	0	4
Directorate of Strategy	1	0	1
Chair, Joint MPS and MOPAC Audit Panel	1	0	1

2. Equality and Diversity Impact

There are no equality or diversity issues associated with this report.

3. Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

4. Legal Implications

4.1 MOPAC is required by The Elected Local Policing Bodies (Specified Information) Order 2011 to have a register of each offer of a gift or hospitality made to members of staff, indicating whether the offer was accepted or refused.

4.2 If, in the opinion of the line manager, the gift might constitute a bribe or other inducement (under the Bribery Act 2010) under the current policy the member of staff will be asked to pass the gift to the MOPAC Chief Financial Officer who will take appropriate action.

5. Risk Implications

The MOPAC policy and guidance on Gifts and Hospitality aim to mitigate any risks to the integrity of staff and MOPAC.