NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

2 June 2008

Protocol re Gifts and Hospitality

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 This report informs Members of action taken following their consideration of the draft protocol in relation to gifts and hospitality

2.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 At the Committee's meeting on 3 March 2008, it considered a draft Protocol in relation to gifts and hospitality. The Protocol was agreed by the Committee on the understanding that it would then be circulated to the Chief Executive and senior Members for their views. The issue of gifts and hospitality has been the subject of some discussion by Members with the Committee and the Monitoring Officer.

3.0 PRESENT POSITION

2.1 A copy of the draft Protocol has been sent to the Chief Executive and to executive Members for their views. The Chief Executive is in agreement with the content of the draft, and no other comments have been received. In the circumstances the Committee are recommended to finally approve the Protocol for adoption by the Council.

4.0	RECOMMENDATIONS
4.1	That Members approve the Protocol on Gifts and Hospitality for approval by full Council.

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Background Papers: None

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