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Report to: Audit Committee

Agenda item:

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Subject: Gifts & Hospitality Register

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For: Information

1. Purpose of paper

1.1 This paper is to provide Members with a copy of the Gifts and Hospitality which have been received, accepted or declined by BTPA Members and BTPA Executive Senior Staff for oversight. It also provides information on BTP's Gifts & Hospitality.

2. Background

2.1 The Executive Assistant circulates a blank Register of Gifts and Hospitality form on a monthly basis to the BTPA Members and Executive Senior Staff to collate the information and present to the Chief Executive.

2.2 All offers, acceptances and declines over the value of £25 must be advised in writing to the Chief Executive, within 28 days of receipt.

3. Offers for the period January 2011 - March 2011

3.1 Appendix 1 attached lists the full details for BTPA.

4. BTP Gifts & Hospitality

4.1 The Chief Executive reviewed the BTP Gifts and Hospitality Register with the Deputy Chief Constable on Monday 14 March 2011, and found that all entries were in accord with the extant policy.

4.2 There were a number of cases where officers had been given small presents (bottles of drinks and vouchers) as tokens of

gratitude. The Deputy Chief Constable considered that whilst these were in accordance with the policy, officers and staff should give consideration to how this might appear to other members of the public who might not appreciate the circumstances, and that offence might be caused if they were refused. It would be better to pool such gifts so that no single individual benefits.

5. Recommendations

5.1 Members are asked to note the report.