

Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Local Enterprise Partnership

Gifts and Hospitality Policy

The acceptance, or offering of, gifts and hospitality reflects directly upon the public perception of Board Members and of the LEP and may have criminal offence implications. It may be entirely appropriate to accept an offer, or to make one, but you must give consideration to the appropriateness of your actions together with how that action may be perceived by someone looking on.

A particular concern to bear in mind is that you should do nothing which might be considered to place yourself – or others within the Company- under any financial or other obligation to outside individuals or organisations.

You should note that, in respect of both the giving and receiving of gifts and hospitality, there are possible criminal offences under the Bribery Act 2010 with penalties including imprisonment of up to 10 years.

If you receive, or refuse the offer of, any gifts or hospitality worth over £50 in connection with your role as a Board Member of the LEP, which may be made to you as an individual or to the LEP board as a whole, then you will need to complete the relevant form. This can be obtained from a member of the LEP Secretariat, please contact them should you require one.

If you are in any doubt please contact a member of the LEP Secretariat for advice.