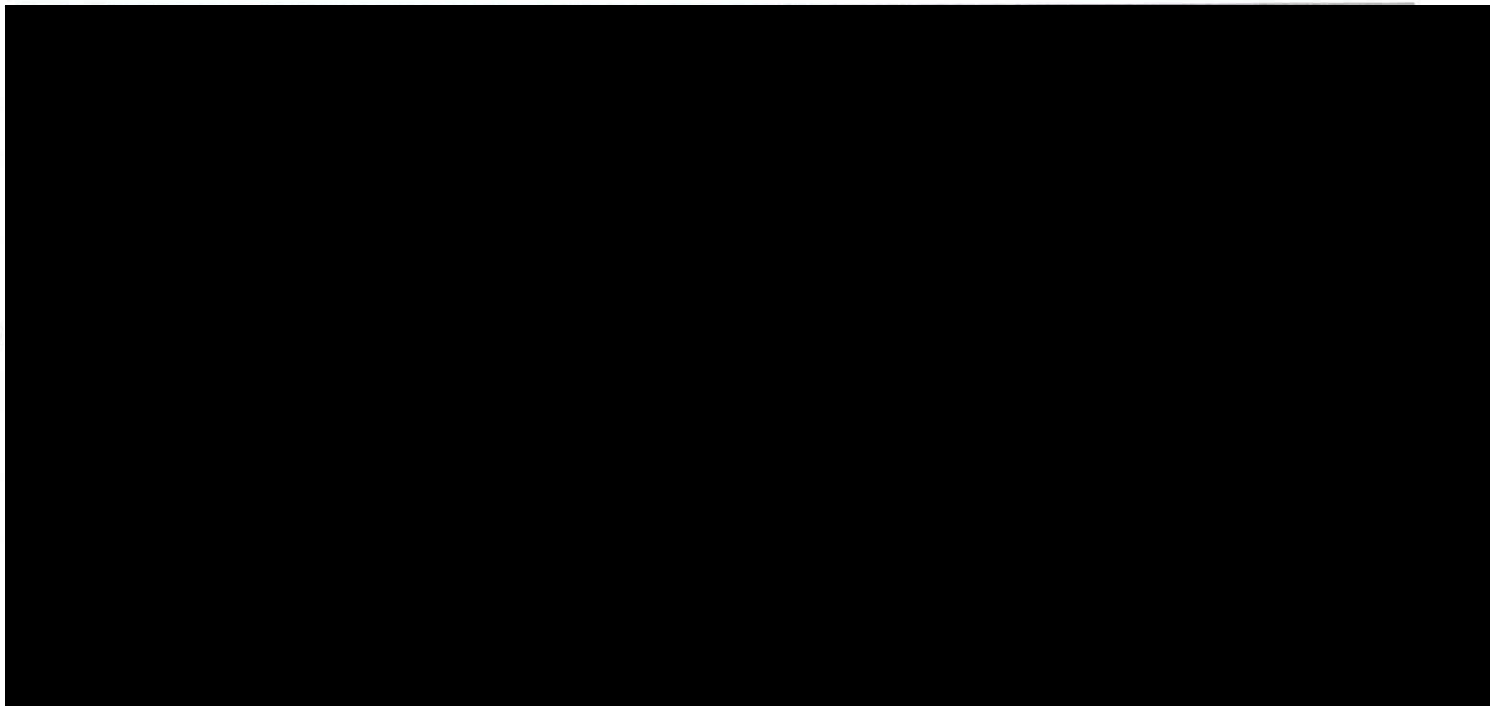


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Sent: Friday, 10 November 2017 3:05 PM
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I have just read with amusement that Local Government Councillors may be allowed not to declare gifts as long as they abstain from voting on donor related issues. After working for Local Government for over 20 years, abstaining from voting doesn't preclude back door deals done with other Councillors before the issue is voted on. The old 'you scratch my back etc.' is alive and well. The current gifting rules should remain and be open to public scrutiny. I have always thought that you have been for openness and accountability of government decisions.

Marlyn Thomas
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