

POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR CONSIDERING APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

When considering applications for dispensation, the Council's Standards Committee will take into account the following matters:-

- (a) safeguarding the ability of Councillors and co-opted members to represent their community properly
- (b) the need for Councillors in particular to be able to participate in the working of relevant outside bodies, including School Governors, Community Associations, Companies and Trusts formed with the specific purpose of furthering Council objectives
- (c) the ability to distinguish between interests that are of a more technical nature and those which are likely to substantially influence the judgement and objectivity of individual Councillors or co-opted members
- (d) when members have a personal financial or other pecuniary interest in an issue, it will rarely be possible to grant dispensation when the matter under discussion impacts directly upon that interest