

Minutes of the Meeting of the Dispensation Sub-Committee Held on Wednesday 19 November 2009

Present:

Mr P Bland
Mr P Gibbs - Chairman
Mrs J Middleton

1. Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Election of Chairman

Mr Gibbs was elected Chairman for the meeting.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Consideration of a Request from Members for a Dispensation

The report of the Deputy Monitoring Officer was received.

The Sub-Committee considered individual written requests from 43 Members of the County Council for a dispensation from the rule in the Members' Code of Conduct which prevented them from debating and voting on an item in which they have a prejudicial interest. The dispensation was requested to allow them to speak and vote at the Council Meeting on 23 November 2009 on Item 5, Review of Members' Allowances Scheme 2009 and Item 8, Report on the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee dated 27 October in relation to matters which may relate directly or indirectly to the role or remuneration of twin hatters.

The following points were discussed by the Sub-Committee:

- The number of Members prohibited from voting (more than 50% of Council) would upset the decision making process and furthermore political balance would be upset to the extent that the outcome would be prejudiced if dispensation were not granted.
- A dispensation had been granted previously to all Members of the Council when a similar prejudicial interest arose then it followed that similar arguments applied and it should be granted for these 43 Members of the Council.

The Sub-Committee decided in light of the above and relevant regulations and guidance that it was prepared to grant dispensation to the following Members of the Council:

Mr Anthony David Adams
Mr Bill Borrett
Mr Alexander James Byrne
Mr James Carswell
Miss Charlotte Casimir
Mrs Marion Chapman-Allen
Michael John Baylis Chenery of Horsbrugh
Mr Stuart Michael Clancy
Mr Gerald Cook
Mr John Dobson
Mr Phillip Duigan
Mr Stuart Dunn
Mr Tim East
Mrs Shelagh Cassandra Gurney
Mr Brian John Hannah
Mr David George Harrison
Mr David Harwood
Mr Jon Herbert
Mr Harry Arthur Sidney Humphrey
Mr Brian John Maxwell Iles
Ms Diana Irving
Mr Cliff Jordan
Mr James Michael Joyce
Mr Mark Kiddle-Morris
Mr Michael Collins Langwade
Mr Stephen Little
Mr Ian James Mackie
Ms Jean Mickleburgh
Mr Ian Alexander Cato Monson
Mr Joe Mooney
Mr Derrick Murphy
Ms Janet Ann Murphy
Mr William Nunn
Mr John Hase Perry-Warnes
Mr John David Rogers
Mr Nigel Christopher Shaw
Mr James Robert Shrimplin
Mr Beverley Herbert Alison Spratt
Ms Ann Steward
Ms Alison Thomas
Mr John Martyn Ward
Mr Anthony Maurice White
Mr Martin Wilby

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The Chairman reminded all Members to go into the debate with an open mind.

The meeting commenced at 11.00am and ended at 11.30am

Chairman

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