

REPORT FOR DECISION

Agenda
Item

MEETING: STANDARDS COMMITTEE
DATE: 24 FEBRUARY 2009
SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION
REPORT FROM: MONITORING OFFICER
CONTACT OFFICER: DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

TYPE OF DECISION: COMMITTEE

REPORT STATUS: OPEN

PURPOSE/SUMMARY: To present for consideration applications from members for dispensation from declaring interests.

IMPLICATIONS -

Financial Implications and Risk Considerations

There are no such implications arising from this report

Corporate Aims/Policy Framework:

Do the proposals accord with the Policy Framework? Yes No

Are there any legal implications? Yes No

Considered by Monitoring Officer: Yes

Statement by Director of Finance and E-Government: N/A

Staffing/ICT/Property: N/A

Wards Affected: N/A

Scrutiny Interest: N/A

TRACKING/PROCESS**DIRECTOR: LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

Chief Executive/ Management Board	Executive Member/ Chair	Ward Members	Partners
NO	NO	NO	NO
Scrutiny Panel	Executive	Committee	Council
NO	NO	YES	NO

1.0 POWERS AND DUTIES

- 1.1 Under the Council's Constitution, one of the functions of the Standards Committee is set out as follows:-

“granting dispensations to Councillors, co-opted members and church and parent governor representatives from requirements relating to interests set out in the Members' Code of Conduct.”

- 1.2 Regulation 3 of the Relevant Authorities (Standards Committee) (Dispensations) Regulations 2002 makes provision for dispensations to be granted by the Standards Committee in circumstances where 50% of those members that are entitled or required to participate in Council business would not otherwise be able to do so due to having a prejudicial interest.
- 1.3 Applications for dispensation must be made individually.

2.0 BACKGROUND TO THE REQUEST

- 2.1 The Children and Young People Scrutiny Commission is due to meet on Thursday 26 February 2009 in order to consider the item “Secondary Strategy for Change “ which has been the subject of a “call-in.” As the report under consideration relates to investment in the Borough's secondary schools, any voting committee member who is a member of a governing body of a secondary school has a potential prejudicial interest.
- 2.2 In the case of this particular Scrutiny Commission, there are nine elected members, together with 5 voting co-opted members, three being church/faith representatives and two being parent governor representatives.
- 2.3 Details of applications received will be circulated for consideration at the meeting. Members will be asked to determine whether or not they would wish to support applications for dispensation.

List of Background Papers: Nil

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