

**REPORT FOR DECISION**

<b>Agenda Item</b>	
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**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

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

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

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**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.

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**List of Background Papers: Nil**

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