

Minutes of the **General Purposes Committee**  
of the **Test Valley Borough Council**  
held in Crosfield Hall, Broadwater Road, Romsey  
on Monday 6 January 2014 at 5.30 pm

Attendance:

<b>Councillor I Carr</b> <b>(Chairman)</b>	(P)	<b>Councillor M Hatley</b> <b>(Vice Chairman)</b>	(P)
Councillor D Busk	(P)	Councillor M Cooper	(P)
Councillor A Dowden	(P)	Councillor P Giddings	(P)
Councillor I Hibberd	(P)	Councillor P Hurst	(P)
Councillor J Neal	(A)	Councillor G Stallard	(P)
Councillor N Whiteley	(P)		

Also in attendance:

Councillor A Finlay

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**Minutes**

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 30 September 2013 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.**

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**Dispensations for Code of Conduct Interests**

The report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services followed receipt of a senior barrister's advice regarding Members' disclosable pecuniary interests pursuant to the provisions of the Localism Act and the interpretation of the Council's Members' Code of Conduct and its application in the context of decisions to taken by Council with regard to the progress of the Revised Local Plan.

The legal advice obtained confirmed that

- All Members who had an interest in land, including their own homes, had a disclosable pecuniary interest in the consideration of the Revised Local Plan;
- All Members who had close friends or family who had an interest in land or other pecuniary interests that would be affected by the Revised Local Plan had a Code of Conduct Interest.
- The Head of Legal and Democratic Services had authority to issue a dispensation to Members in respect of disclosable pecuniary interests in circumstances specified in legislation. The Head of Legal and Democratic Services had issued a dispensation to all Members accordingly.

- The General Purposes Committee had authority to issue a dispensation to Members regarding Code of Conduct Interests. The General Purposes Committee was advised that it may issue such a dispensation in respect of the consideration of the Revised Local Plan.

**Resolved:**

1. **That all Members of Test Valley Borough Council be granted the dispensation in respect of the Code of Conduct Interest set out in Annex 1 to the report.**
2. **That authority to grant dispensations to Members of Test Valley Borough Council in respect of Code of Conduct Interests be delegated to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services in consultation with the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee in accordance with paragraph 5.5 of the report**

(Meeting terminated at 6.20 pm)