

Dispensation granted to all Members by the General Purposes Committee 6 January 2014 Code of Conduct Interests

1. Please summarise the matter to which interest of Members relates

- (i) The Revised Local Plan;**

2 What is the nature of the interest of Members?

- (i) The Revised Local Plan contains policies which protect the environmental qualities of existing places and some of those policies will be concerned to introduce changes to places through new development. Both types of policies have the potential to affect the value of properties in the Council's area.
- (ii) The interests of close friends and family in their homes, whether by ownership or tenancy or other interest within the Council's area, will be a Code of Conduct Interest as defined by the Members Code of Conduct
- (iii) A councillor with close friends and family who have interests as described at (ii) and which may be affected by the policies of the Revised Local Plan has a Code of Conduct Interest in the consideration of the Revised Local Plan.
- (iv) The interests covered by this dispensation are limited to ordinary residential arrangements of close friends and family and do not extend to those interests of close friends or family which are more significant than the majority of residents in the Member's ward.

3 For which meeting(s) or period are Members granted a dispensation?

All those meetings at which the Revised Local Plan and its policies are to be decided upon while councillors continue to be Members of Test Valley Borough Council or until the next election whichever is sooner.

4. Please set out in detail the reason(s) why the Committee considers a dispensation should be granted.

- i. The number of councillors who will have an interest in these matters is such that without a dispensation being granted the number of persons prohibited from participating in any particular business would be so great a proportion of the body transacting the business as to impede the transaction of the business.
- ii. The authority applies and operates executive arrangements and without a dispensation each member of the authority's executive would be prohibited from participating in any particular business to be transacted by the authority's executive.
- iii. The granting of a dispensation is in the interests of persons living in the authority's area to ensure that their elected representatives might participate in the progress of the RLP;

WARNING: Please read and consider the guidance below. It is essential that each Member considers the guidance in the context of their own circumstances regardless of the grant of a dispensation.

BIAS:

A dispensation does **not** relieve you from the duty to consider whether a reasonable member of the public might consider that you are biased.

In the event that you were to consider that a member of the public might reasonably believe that you might act to the advantage or disadvantage of a particular person or other party; or that you would set aside your judgement of what lies in the public interest in order to achieve some other objective; **you should take no part in the meeting.**

Please contact the Head of Legal and Democratic Services before the day of the meeting should you need to discuss your particular circumstances- blynds@testvalley.gov.uk or 01264 368 401

Request for a Dispensation

1. Please summarise the matter to which your interest relates

- (i) The Revised Local Plan;

2 What is the nature of your interest?

- (i) The Revised Local Plan contains policies which protect the environmental qualities of existing places and some of those policies will be concerned to introduce changes to places through new development. Both types of policies have the potential to affect the value of properties in the Council's area.
- (ii) A freehold interest in land or a tenancy of land anywhere within the Council's area will be a "disclosable pecuniary interest" as defined by s.30(3) LA 2011 if it is held by the Member (or by his/her spouse or other partner to the knowledge of the Member).
- (iii) As a councillor I have an interest in land as noted in (ii) above and which may be affected by the policies of the Revised Local Plan.

3 For which meeting(s) or period are you seeking a dispensation?

All those meetings at which the Revised Local Plan and its policies are to be decided upon while I continue to be a councillor or until the next election whichever is sooner. (*Localism Act 2011 section 33(3)*)

4. Please set out in detail the reason(s) why you consider you should be granted a dispensation.

- i. The number of councillors who will have an interest in these matters is such that without a dispensation being granted to me and to other councillors the number of persons prohibited from participating in any particular business would be so great a proportion of the body transacting the business as to impede the transaction of the business (*Localism Act 2011 section 33(2)(a)*)

- ii. The authority applies and operates executive arrangements and without a dispensation each member of the authority's executive would be prohibited from participating in any particular business to be transacted by the authority's executive.

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