

CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

LOCALISM ACT 2011

DISPENSATIONS FROM SECTION 31(4)

APPLICATION FOR A DISPENSATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A MEETING

Under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011 councillors and co-opted members of a council may, in limited circumstances, apply for a dispensation to speak and vote on a matter to be considered by the Council or one of its Committees despite having a disclosable pecuniary interest in it. Such a dispensation may only be granted if it fulfils one of the grounds set out overleaf.

Any member who wishes to apply for such a dispensation from the Clerk is requested to complete this form and to return it to the Clerk no later than two clear working days before the meeting in which the member wishes to participate.

Councillor(*insert name*) **MERRISON - WELLS**

I apply for a dispensation to allow me to participate in –

Title of meeting: **Any Council or Committee Meeting**

Date of meeting: **All dates up to the next Council Elections**

Subject matter: **Precept**

I have the following disclosable pecuniary interest: **Land and Property within the Parish**

I request the dispensation for the following reasons: **In order to accomplish the normal business of the Council**

I would like to speak and vote on the matter under consideration

I would like the dispensation to apply until **May 2019** (*insert date which may not be more than four years in the future or the date of the next elections whichever is the sooner*)

Date **10.05.15.**

Signed



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A request for a dispensation must be submitted promptly if a member with a disclosable pecuniary interest is to have the request considered in sufficient time to enable participation in a meeting of the Council or a Committee. In practice this means that any request must be submitted to the Proper Officer before the meeting not at it so that the Clerk has sufficient time to consider the request.

A request for a dispensation is needed only when a member is aware that he or she has a disclosable pecuniary interest in business to be transacted at full Council, or at a Committee meeting.

A dispensation may be granted under the Act only if, after having had regard to all relevant circumstances, the authority –

- (a) considers that without the dispensation the number of persons prohibited by section 31(4) of the Act 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,
- (b) considers that without the dispensation the representation of different political groups on the body transacting any particular business would be so upset as to alter the likely outcome of any vote relating to the business,
- (c) considers that granting the dispensation is in the interests of persons living in the authority's area,
- (d) if it is an authority to which Part 1A of the Local Government Act 2000 applies and is operating executive arrangements considers that without the dispensation each member of the Authority's executive would be prohibited by s.31(4) from participating in any potential business to be transacted by the authority's executive, or
- (e) considers that it is otherwise appropriate to grant a dispensation.

If there are a number of members seeking a dispensation in respect of the same matter, each member should complete and sign their own form.