



Standards Committee

Date: FRIDAY, 19 MAY 2017

Time: 11.30 am

Venue: COMMITTEE ROOM - 2ND FLOOR WEST WING, GUILDHALL

10. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

The Committee is asked to consider written requests for a dispensation from a number of Members.

Further written requests for a dispensation have been received from Mary Durcan (Common Councilman for the Ward of Cripplegate), Gregory Lawrence (Common Councilman for the Ward of Farringdon Without), Barbara Newman (Common Councilman for the Ward of Aldersgate), William Pimlott (Common Councilman for the Ward of Cripplegate), Oliver Sells QC (Common Councilman for the Ward of Farringdon Without) and Deputy John Tomlinson (Common Councilman for the Ward of Cripplegate).

For Decision
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Items received too late for circulation in conjunction with the Agenda.

John Barradell
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

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Name: —Mary Durcan— Date: —9th May 2017—

Signed: ——

I request a dispensation to enable me to speak and/or vote* on the following matter(s):

Barbican car parking and storage spaces charging

(Please delete as applicable)*

Please describe the nature of the disclosable pecuniary interest(s) that would otherwise prohibit you from speaking and/or voting on the above matter(s):

My husband and I own a car park space
We rent a storage room.

Please explain which of the criteria for granting a dispensation you consider to be met, and why:

I represent the residents of
Cuxplegate & need to represent
their views on this issue.

I require the dispensation for:

(i) a time limited period from/to: ☐

(ii) for a specific meeting of: Barbican Residents'
Committee..... ☐

On.....5th June 2017..... ☐

(ii) Until the Ward elections in 2021 ☐

If your request is urgent, please specify why:

Request considered by the Standards Committee / Dispensations Sub Committee:

Date:_____ Decision taken:

Name: Gregory Lawrence CC

Date: 10 May 2017

Signed

I request a dispensation to enable me to speak and/or vote* on the following matter(s):

All matters concerning the London Central Markets, other than those in which I have a direct pecuniary interest as a shareholder or director of any company which holds a tenancy in the market, and which would affect only me personally or my business interests as opposed to the generality of the tenants within the market.

(* Please delete as applicable)

Please describe the nature of the disclosable pecuniary interest(s) that would otherwise prohibit you from speaking and/or voting on the above matter(s):

I am a director and majority shareholder in G Lawrence Wholesale Meats Co. Limited, which is also a shareholder in another company with a tenancy in the market, Edward Price & Partners Limited.

As a non-pecuniary interest, I am also Chairman of the Smithfield Market Tenants' Association, which represents the traders on the Market.

Please explain which of the criteria for granting a dispensation you consider to be met, and why:

"It is otherwise appropriate to grant a dispensation"

I have been an elected Councilman for the Ward of Farringdon Without, including London Central Markets, since 1994 and have a deep understanding of the Smithfield area having worked at the market for over forty years. I also believe that local electors voted for me because they believed that I would speak for them on issues affecting their businesses, and particularly on the forthcoming review of the City's Wholesale Markets.

I believe that the caveat I have placed in my request for a dispensation - that I would not seek to speak or vote on any matter which directly impacted me or my business specifically, as opposed to the generality of market tenants - will ensure that I am not placed in a position where there is personal conflict of interests.

I would draw the Standards Committee's attention to the point that, in the recent past, there have been other Members with business interests - both directly or through the clients they represent, or through their involvement in a trade association - that have been permitted to speak and/or vote on matters that affect them.

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(ii) for a specific meeting of: ☐

On: ☐

(ii) Until the Ward elections in 2021 ☒

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N/A

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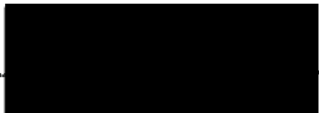
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Name: B NEWMAN Date: 16/5/17

Signed: 

I request a dispensation to enable me to speak and/or vote* on the following matter(s):

Car parking charges - proposed increase

(* Please delete as applicable)

Please describe the nature of the disclosable pecuniary interest(s) that would otherwise prohibit you from speaking and/or voting on the above matter(s):

Long lease from COL
Resident

Please explain which of the criteria for granting a dispensation you consider to be met, and why:

In the interests of people living in the city

I require the dispensation for:

(i) a time limited period from/to: *16/5/17 to 1/8/17* ☒

(ii) for a specific meeting of: ☐

On: ☐

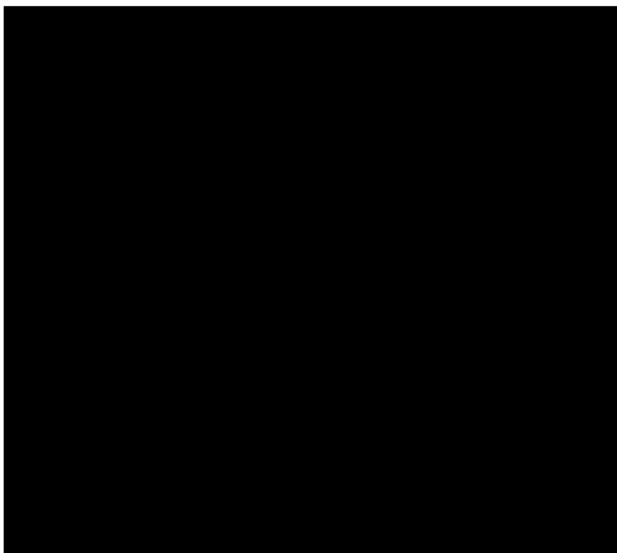
(ii) Until the Ward elections in 2021 ☐

If your request is urgent, please specify why:

Needed for upcoming June meeting

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Name: William Pimlott Date: 15.05.17

Signed: 

I request a dispensation to enable me to speak and/or vote* on the following matter(s):

parking for Barbican residents

(* Please delete as applicable)

Please describe the nature of the disclosable pecuniary interest(s) that would otherwise prohibit you from speaking and/or voting on the above matter(s):

My parents pay for a parking space in Crowned tower car park.

Please explain which of the criteria for granting a dispensation you consider to be met, and why:

It is of enormous interest to
constituents of Cripplegate ward.

I require the dispensation for:

(i) a time limited period from/to: ☐

(ii) for a specific meeting of: ☐

On: ☐

(ii) Until the Ward elections in 2021 ☒

If your request is urgent, please specify why:

Barbican Residential Committee
on 5th June

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Name: OLIVER SELLS EC Date: 15/5/17

Signed: _____

I request a dispensation to enable me to speak and/or vote* on the following matter(s):

Any matter relating to my residency in
City of London and membership of the
Inner Temple.

(* Please delete as applicable)

Please describe the nature of the disclosable pecuniary interest(s) that would otherwise prohibit you from speaking and/or voting on the above matter(s):

I am a resident in the City of the
London and a tenant and member of the
Inner Temple.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Signed: _____

I request a dispensation to enable me to speak and/or vote* on the following matter(s):

(Please delete as applicable)*

Please describe the nature of the disclosable pecuniary interest(s) that would otherwise prohibit you from speaking and/or voting on the above matter(s):

Please explain which of the criteria for granting a dispensation you consider to be met, and why:

- 1) Granting the Dispensation is in the interests of residents in the City.
- 2) Without the dispensation residents of the City would be prohibited from participating in particular business of the City.
- 3) It is appropriate to grant a dispensation in all the circumstances.

I require the dispensation for:

(i) a time limited period from/to: ☐

(ii) for a specific meeting of: ☐

On: ☐

(ii) Until the Ward elections in 2021 ☒

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Name:

JOHN TOMLINSON

Date:

15/5/17

Signed:



I request a dispensation to enable me to speak and/or vote* on the following matter(s):

BARBICAN RESIDENTIAL
COMMUNITY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES
(JTL)

(* Please delete as applicable)

Please describe the nature of the disclosable pecuniary interest(s) that would otherwise prohibit you from speaking and/or voting on the above matter(s):

LEASEHOLDER
RESIDENT

Please explain which of the criteria for granting a dispensation you consider to be met, and why:

Interests of persons living in the city

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