



Dispensations Sub (Standards) Committee

Date: TUESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2014

Time: 8.45 am

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

Members: Judith Barnes (Co-opted Member)
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John Barradell
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES**

For Decision

2. **MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

For Information

3. **ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN**

To elect a Chairman in accordance with Standing Order No. 29.

For Decision

4. **REQUEST FOR A DISPENSATION**

The Sub Committee is asked to consider a written request for a dispensation from Ms Ann Holmes (Common Councilman for the Ward of Farringdon Within).

For Decision
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5. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

For Information

Appendix 1



REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION – DISPENSATIONS FOR MEMBERS TO SPEAK AND VOTE WHERE THEY HAVE CERTAIN DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

The new Standards regime does not replicate the former statutory exemptions which allowed Members to vote on a number of matters in which they would otherwise have had a prejudicial interest. However, the City of London Corporation may, following a written request, grant a dispensation for a Member or a Co-opted Member to take part in any discussion and vote on a matter in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest, in some circumstances:

It is anticipated that the principal matters likely to require dispensations are those relating to the following, where a Member has a beneficial interest in land within the City:-

- Housing (where the Member holds a lease or tenancy from the City, as long as the matter does not relate to their particular lease or tenancy).

However, dispensation may be granted in relation to any matter so long as a relevant criterion is met. The criteria that are relevant to the City of London Corporation are as follows:

- Without the dispensation the proportion of Members and Co-opted Members prohibited from participating in any particular business would be so great as to impede the transaction of the business; or
- Granting the dispensation is in the interests of persons living in the City; or
- It is otherwise appropriate to grant a dispensation.

Please provide the following information if you wish to request a dispensation to allow you to speak and/or vote on a specific matter or matters, either on a specific occasion or at any point until the next Ward elections in 2017.

The following information will be considered by the Standards Committee or its Dispensations Sub Committee.

Name: Ann Holmes Date: 1/9/14

Signed: _____

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

The Barts Square Development and other Planning Developments in Farringdon Within

(* 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 _____, which is affected by the Barts Square Development and is in Farringdon Within.

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

I think it is in the interests of persons living in the City – in Farringdon Within.

When I stood for election, I stressed that I lived in Farringdon Within and that I would continue to work for improvements in the Barts Square Development. Whilst it is essential that I always declare an interest, I think it is to disadvantage the residents I represent, if I am unable to speak on matters affecting them.

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 2017 ☒

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Request considered by the Standards Committee / Dispensations Sub Committee:

Date: _____

Decision taken: