



## Dispensations Sub (Standards) Committee

**Date:** WEDNESDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2016  
**Time:** 10.00 am  
**Venue:** ALDERMEN'S DINING ROOM - 4TH FLOOR WEST WING

**Members:** Nigel Challis  
Dan Large (Co-opted Member)  
Edward Lord  
Virginia Rounding

**Enquiries:** Gemma Stokley  
gemma.stokley@cityoflondon.gov.uk  
020 7332 1407

Lunch will be served in the Guildhall Club at 1pm  
N.B: Part of this meeting could be subject to audio or visual recording.

John Barradell  
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

# **AGENDA**

1. **APOLOGIES**

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

3. **ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN**

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

**For Decision**

4. **REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

The Sub Committee is asked to consider written requests for a dispensation from a number of Members in relation to forthcoming discussions on the Business Rate Premium and therefore the Business Rate at the Finance Committee and potentially the Court of Common Council.

Written requests for a dispensation from Michael Hudson (Common Councilman for the Ward of Castle Baynard), James de Sausmarez (Common Councilman for the Ward of Candlewick) and James Tumbridge (Common Councilman for the Ward of Tower) are attached.

**N.B. - Any further written requests received will be tabled at the meeting.**

**For Decision**  
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5. **QUESTIONS**

6. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**



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- 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).

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Name: **MICHAEL HUDSON**----- Date: **-1 FEBRUARY 2016**-----

Signed: -----

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

The proposal to increase the City business rate premium.

(\* 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 tenant of the City Corporation and pay business rates on my office at London Wall Buildings, London EC2M 5NS, in the City of London

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

The proposal affects all business ratepayers proportionately according to the rateable value of the premises they occupy, and do not affect me to a greater degree than other business ratepayers.

**I require the dispensation for:**

(i) a time limited period from/to: ..... ☐

(ii) for a specific meeting of: the Court of Common Council..... ☐

On: 3 March 2016..... ☒

(ii) Until the Ward elections in 2017 ☐

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Name: JAMES DE SAUSMAREZ---

Date: 1 February 2016-----

Signed: -----

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

Finance Committee and then potentially the Court of Common Council consideration on whether the Corporation should increase the Business Rate Premium, and therefore Business Rate.

*(\* 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):**

Holder of a beneficial interest of securities in a body with leasehold property in the City where the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000, namely Henderson Global Investors of [REDACTED] Bishopsgate London EC2M 3AE.

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

I believe the granting of the dispensation is in the interests of people living and working in the City of London

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Name: ---James Tumbridge----- Date: -----1 Feb 2016-----

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Business Rate Premium, and therefore Business Rate.

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I am a partner of a law firm with an office in the City and the rate might affect my partnership.

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

The issue of the setting of the Business rate/premium and is a core part of the Corporation's function and the electorate would expect members to speak to the issue in debate to ensure the right decisions are being taken.  
I therefore wish the freedom to contribute to the debate should the need arise.

I believe the number of affected members means the first criteria applies, and if not eh third does in any event.

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