

Committee:	Date:
Standards Committee	8 July 2016
Subject: Report of Action Taken Between Meetings	Public
Report of: Town Clerk	For Information
<p style="text-align: center;">Summary</p> <p>In accordance with Standing Order 41(b), this report provides Members with the details of decisions taken by the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Standards Committee, since the Committee's meeting in January 2016.</p> <p>Recommendation: -</p> <p>That the contents of the report be noted.</p>	

Main Report

Background

1. Standing Order no. 41(a) provides a mechanism for decisions to be taken between scheduled meetings of the Standards Committee, where in the opinion of the Town Clerk, it is urgently necessary for a decision to be made. Standing Order No. 41(b) provides a mechanism for decisions to be taken between scheduled meetings of the Standards Committee, where the Committee has delegated power to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, to make a decision.

Decisions Taken Between Meetings (Delegated Authority)

2. In accordance with Standing Order 41(b), decisions were taken in respect of the following matter since the meeting of the Standards Committee on 29th January 2016:- Requests for Dispensations.
3. At the meeting of the Dispensations Sub (Standards) Committee on 10th February 2016, Members considered and granted a total of ten written requests for dispensations, under Section 33 (2) of the Localism Act 2011, to participate in any discussion and vote on matters relating to the Business Rate Premium. The Dispensations Sub Committee suggested that any further written requests for dispensations from Members in relation to forthcoming discussions on the Business Rate Premium ahead of either the Finance Committee on 16 February 2016 or the Court of Common Council on 3 March 2016 be

considered by the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the grand Committee under delegated authority.

5. Five further written requests for dispensations were received, and granted under delegated authority, from the following Members on the following dates:
 - Deputy Stanley Ginsburg – 16 February 2016;
 - Greg Laurence – 16 February 2016;
 - Nicholas Bensted-Smith – 2 March 2016;
 - Alderman Vincent Keaveny – 2 March 2016; and
 - Clare James – 2 March 2016.

Conclusion

7. In accordance with Standing Order 41(b), Members are asked to note the decisions taken by the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman since the Standards Committee's meeting on 29th January 2016.

Background Papers:

- Minutes of the meeting of the Dispensations Sub (Standards) Committee on 10th February 2016.

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