



Dispersations Sub (Standards) Committee

Date: MONDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2018
Time: 10.00 am (or at the conclusion of the Standards Dispersations Working Party* meeting commencing at 9.00am, whichever is the later)
Venue: COMMITTEE ROOM 3 - 2ND FLOOR, WEST WING, GUILDHALL

3. DISPENSATION REQUESTS (REVISED)

For Decision
(Pages 1 - 52)

John Barradell
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

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Committee: Dispensations Sub (Standards) Committee	Date: 10 September 2018
Subject: Requests for a Dispensation under the Localism Act 2011	Public <u>Revised version</u>
Report of: Report of Town Clerk	For Decision
Report author: Martin Newton	

Summary

Ten Members have requested a dispensation to speak / and or vote on specified matters where they would otherwise have a disclosable pecuniary interest by virtue of their beneficial interest in land within the City.

Recommendation

Your Committee is asked to determine the applications for a dispensation.

Main Report

Background

1. Ten Members have submitted requests for a dispensation. The Standards Committee has requested that all such applications are accompanied by a covering report.

Disclosable pecuniary interests under the Localism Act 2011

2. Under the Localism Act 2011, The Relevant Local Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 and the City Corporation's Member Code of Conduct there are a number of disclosable pecuniary interests that prevent a Member from participating in any discussion or vote on a connected item of business. The disclosable pecuniary interests that are potentially engaged in this case are:
 - (a) Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the relevant authority.
3. The Localism Act 2011 does not provide any additional guidance on judging whether a disclosable pecuniary interest is engaged or not. It

simply states that the prohibition on speaking or voting on a matter is engaged where a Member:

- (a) is present at a meeting;
 - (b) has a disclosable pecuniary interest in any matter to be considered, or being considered, at the meeting; and
 - (c) is aware that the condition in paragraph (b) is met.
4. It is up to individual Members to make a judgement whether they have a disclosable pecuniary interest in relation to any particular item of business. This will be the case where a decision would materially affect a Member's interest in land, for example by materially affecting the value of that land, the prospects of selling that land, or the use and enjoyment of that land.
5. A Member also commits a criminal offence if, without reasonable excuse, they participate in any discussion or vote on any City Fund matter in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest. For this reason we would always advise a Member to err on the side of caution. A Member who is found guilty of such an offence can be fined up to £5,000 and disqualified from holding office for up to five years. A prosecution may only be instigated by or on behalf of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP).

Granting dispensations under the Localism Act 2011

6. A relevant authority may, on a written request made to the proper officer of the authority by a Member of the authority, grant a dispensation relieving the Member from either or both of the restrictions on speaking or voting in cases described in the dispensation. A dispensation must specify the period for which it has effect, which may not exceed four years. The granting of such dispensations is a function of this Committee and its Dispensations Sub-Committee. A relevant authority may only grant a dispensation if, after having had regard to all relevant circumstances, the authority:
- (a) considers that without the dispensation the number of persons prohibited 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 operating executive arrangements, considers that without the dispensation each Member of the authority's executive would be prohibited from participating in any particular business to be transacted by the authority's executive;* or
- (e) considers that it is otherwise appropriate to grant a dispensation.

* Grounds (b) and (d) are not directly applicable to the City Corporation but are included for completeness and context.

Additional factors

7. Subject to the specific statutory grounds for granting a dispensation, Members may also wish to take into account the following (non-exhaustive) additional factors:
 - (i) whether the nature of the Member's interest is such that to allow them to participate would risk damage to public confidence in the conduct of the City Corporation's business;
 - (ii) whether the interest is common to the Member and a significant proportion of the general public;
 - (iii) whether the Member was elected on a platform that they would specifically address the item or items of business for which the dispensation is sought;
 - (iv) whether the participation of the Member in the business that the interest relates to is justified by their particular role or expertise;
 - (v) whether the request is for a dispensation to (a) speak at the meeting with the same rights as a member of the public; (b) participate fully in the debate as a Member of the decision-making body in question; or (c) participate fully in the debate as a Member of the decision-making body in question and vote on the business.
8. As previously stated, the onus is on individual Members to decide whether they have a disclosable pecuniary interest in any given matter. Therefore, the Committee should assume for present purposes that any dispensation being sought is required in order to participate, and you should not refuse a request simply on the basis that a dispensation is not thought to be necessary. Any dispensation granted is entirely permissive in nature and does not impose any restrictions on speaking or voting where no such restrictions otherwise exist.

The application and specific considerations

9. Ten requests for dispensations have been received and the relevant application forms are appended. This report does not seek to duplicate the information that is contained in the application forms, however, where there is additional relevant information this is set out below.
10. Randall Anderson
Randall Anderson is a Common Councilman for the Ward of Aldersgate and a Member of a number of committees including Barbican Residential Committee, Community and Children's Services Committee (Chairman), Policy and Resources Committee (ex-officio) and Housing Management and Almshouses Sub (Community and Children's Services) Committee (Deputy Chairman). The request is to speak / and or vote on the housing governance review until the next ward elections in 2021 and no specific meetings are identified.
11. Randall Anderson previously applied for a dispensation to speak and vote at meetings where matters relating to charging policy for car parking and stores are under consideration until the ward elections in 2021. The application was partially granted by the Standards Committee in May 2017 (speaking rights only until the ward elections in 2021). A further application to speak and vote at the Policy and Resources Committee in July 2018 on the housing governance review was again partially granted (speaking rights only) under Standing Order 41(a) urgency procedures.
12. The Barbican Residential Committee is made up of 20 members, including 2 other representatives from Aldersgate (details of a dispensation request from one of these members is set out in paragraph 16) and 6 representatives from Cripplegate (Within and Without) (details of dispensation requests from five of these members are set out in paragraphs 20, 22, 26, 28 and 30). The quorum for that Committee is any four non-residents of the Barbican Estate. The Community and Children's Services Committee comprises up to 35 members (and also co-optees), including representatives from each Ward and 1 other representative from Aldersgate (details of a dispensation request from this member is set out in paragraph 16). The quorum for that Committee is any 9 members. The Policy and Resources Committee is made up of 24 members (and also ex-officio members), including 2 other representatives from Aldersgate (details of a dispensation request from one of these members is set out in paragraph 16). The quorum for that Committee is any 9 members. The Housing Management and Almshouses Sub (Community and Children's Services) is made up of 10 members, including 1 other representative from Aldersgate. The quorum for that Committee is 3.

Alderman Ian Luder

13. Alderman Luder is an Alderman for the ward of Castle Baynard and a Member of the Audit and Risk Management Committee (Chairman). The request is to (i) speak on the housing governance review and to (ii) speak and vote on relevant aspects of housing fire safety and residents' safety post Grenfell, both until the next ward elections in 2021, and no specific meetings are identified.
14. Alderman Luder previously applied for a dispensation to speak and vote at Police Committee and at Court on security of entrances to the Barbican complex and various walkways until next ward elections in 2021. The application was partially granted by the Town Clerk under delegated authority in June 2018 (speaking rights only until next ward elections in 2021). A second request to enable Alderman Luder, as a City resident, to speak and vote on matters concerning the Corporation's budget and setting of council tax was granted by the Town Clerk under delegated authority at the same time.
15. The Audit and Risk Management Committee is made up of 16 members, including 1 other representative from Castle Baynard. The quorum for that Committee is 5 (at least 3 Common Councilmen).

Deputy Joyce Nash

16. Deputy Nash is a Common Councilman for the Ward of Aldersgate and a Member of a number of committees including Barbican Residential Committee, Community and Children's Services Committee and Policy and Resources Committee. The request is to speak on the housing governance review until the next ward elections in 2021 and no specific meetings are identified. Details of membership and quorum for those committees are set out in paragraph 12. A dispensation request from one other Aldersgate member on these Committees (ex-officio on Policy and Resources Committee) is set out in paragraph 10 and dispensation requests from five Cripplegate members on the Barbican Residential Committee are set out in paragraphs 20, 22, 26, 28 and 30.
17. Deputy Nash was previously granted a partial dispensation by the Standards Committee on 19 May 2017 to speak only on charging policy for car parking and baggage stores at the Barbican Residential Committee until the ward elections in 2021. A further request to vote on car park charges and store room charges at Barbican Residential Committee until ward elections in 2021 was refused by the Dispensations Sub (Standards) Committee in June 2018.

Alderman Alison Gowman

18. Alderman Gowman is an Alderman for the Ward of Dowgate and a Member of the Property Investment Board. The request is to speak and /

or vote on the housing governance review until the next ward elections in 2021 and no specific meetings are identified.

19. The Property Investment Board is made up of 14 members with a quorum of any 3.

Deputy David Bradshaw

20. Deputy Bradshaw is a Common Councilman for the Ward of Cripplegate Within and a Member of Barbican Residential Committee. The request is to speak and vote on the housing governance review at the Barbican Residential Committee meeting on 17 September 2018. Details of membership and quorum for that Committee are set out in paragraph 12. Dispensation requests from two Aldersgate members on that Committee and four other Cripplegate members are set out in paragraphs 10, 16, 22, 26, 28 and 30.

21. Deputy Bradshaw has previously received dispensations to speak only on car parking charging at the meetings of the Barbican Residential Committee on 5 June 2017 (approved by the Town Clerk under urgency provisions); on (i) concrete repairs to the Barbican Estate, (ii) lease enforcement dealing with breaches and (iii) the annual rent review at Barbican Residential Committee on 19 March 2018 (Dispensations Sub (Standards) Committee in March 2018); and on baggage stores in the Barbican at the Barbican Residential Committee on 4 June 2018 (Standards Committee in May 2018). In June 2018, the Dispensations Sub (Standards) Committee refused a request for a dispensation to speak on car parking and baggage stores costs at Barbican Residential Committee on 21 June 2018

Mary Durcan

22. Deputy Bradshaw is a Common Councilman for the Ward of Cripplegate Within and a Member of Barbican Residential Committee. The request is to speak on (i) the housing governance review, (ii) Barbican Service Charge account and (iii) any other issues of importance on the agenda affecting constituency residents/electors where the disclosable pecuniary interest would otherwise prevent participation at the Barbican Residential Committee meeting on 17 September 2018. Details of membership and quorum for that Committee are set out in paragraph 12. Dispensation requests from two Aldersgate members and four other Cripplegate members on that Committee are set out in paragraphs 10, 16, 20, 26, 28 and 30.

23. Mary Durcan has previously requested the following dispensations: speaking rights only granted by the Standards Committee in May 2017 for the Barbican Residential Committee on 5th June 2017 relating to the charging policy for Barbican car parking and storage spaces charging; speaking rights only granted under delegated authority (Standing Order

41(b)) in May 2018 on Ben Jonson, Breton, Thomas More, Benyon and Willoughby Houses, Barbican residential car park and stores at the Barbican Residential Committee on 4 June 2018; and request refused by the Dispensations Sub (Standards) Committee to speak and vote on car park charges and store room charges at Barbican Residential Committee on 21 June 2018.

Deputy Catherine McGuinness

24. Deputy Catherine McGuinness is a Common Councilman for the Ward of Castle Baynard and a Member of a number of committees including Policy and Resources (Chairman) and Community and Children's Services. The request is to speak on the housing governance review at committees on which she serves, including Policy and Resources Committee (although she would not chair), and no specific meeting dates are identified. Details of membership and quorum for those committees are set out in paragraph 12. Details of other dispensation requests relating to those committees are set out in paragraphs 10, 16 and 26.
25. Deputy McGuinness has previously been granted a dispensation under urgency provisions (Standing Order No. 41(a)) to speak on agenda item 4 of the Policy and Resources Committee agenda for 5 July 2018, entitled Housing Governance Review.

Deputy John Tomlinson

26. Deputy Tomlinson is a Common Councilman for the Ward of Cripplegate Without and a Member of a number of committees including Barbican Residential Committee and Policy and Resources Committee. The request is to speak on the future and composition of the Barbican Residential Committee as part of the housing governance review at relevant committees until the next ward elections in 2021. Details of composition and quorum for the above Committees are set out in paragraph 12 and details of other dispensation requests from members of those committees are also set out in paragraphs above.
27. The outcome of Deputy Tomlinson's previous dispensation requests are (i) request rejected by the Standards Committee in May 2017 as further information was required and that the application was too wide reaching by requesting to speak and/or vote on any matter at both the Barbican Residential Committee and the Community & Children's Services Committee; (ii) request partially granted (speaking rights only) by Dispensations Sub (Standards) Committee in March 2018 to speak only at Barbican Residential Committee on 19 March 2018 on concrete repairs, lease enforcement and any discussion which may arise on a possible review of the current composition and terms of reference of the Barbican Residential Committee; (iii) request partially granted (speaking rights only) by the Standards Committee in May 2018 to speak only at Barbican Residential Committee on 4 June 2018 on car park charges and

stores. The request to speak and vote on concrete repairs was refused as this was not on the agenda, and any discussion which may arise on a possible review of the current composition and terms of reference of the Barbican Residential Committee was refused as no proposal for this currently exists; (iv) request rejected by the Dispensations Sub (Standards) Committee in June 2018 for a dispensation to speak and vote on car park charges and store room charges at Barbican Residential Committee on 21 June 2018; (v) request partially granted under urgency provisions to speak on agenda item 4 of the Policy and Resources Committee agenda for 5 July 2018, entitled Housing Governance Review.

Mark Bostock

28. Mark Bostock is a Common Councilman for the Ward of Cripplegate Without and a Member of Barbican Residential Committee. The request is to speak and vote on the future and composition of the Barbican Residential Committee and the housing governance review at the Barbican Residential Committee and other relevant meetings until the next ward elections in 2021, or otherwise the Barbican Residential Committee on 17 September. Details of membership and quorum for that Committee and other committees are set out in paragraph 12. Dispensation requests from other members on that Committee and other committees are also set out above.

29. The outcome of Mark Bostock's previous dispensation requests are (i) partially granted (speaking rights only) by the Dispensations Sub (Standards) Committee in March 2018 to speak only at Barbican Residential Committee on 19 March 2018 on Barbican car park charges; (ii) partially granted (speaking rights only) under urgency procedures (Standing Order 41(a)) to speak on planning application 17/00909/FULL (Barbican Estate) at the Planning and Transportation Committee on 9 April 2018; (iii) partially granted (speaking rights only) under delegated authority (Standing Order No. 41(b)) in May 2018 to speak only on Ben Jonson, Breton, Thomas More, Benyon and Willoughby Houses, Barbican residential car park and stores at the Barbican Residential Committee on 4 June 2018; (iv) partially granted (speaking rights only) by the Dispensations Sub (Standards) Committee in June 2018 to speak only at Barbican Residential Committee on 21 June 2018 on charging policy for car parking and stores, Barbican Estate.

William Pimlott

30. William Pimlott is a Common Councilman for the Ward of Cripplegate Within and a Member of a number of committees including Barbican Residential Committee and Community and Children's Services Committee. The request is to speak and vote on all Barbican matters that are considered until the next ward elections in 2021. No specific meeting dates are identified. Details of membership and quorum for those

committees are set out in paragraph 12. Dispensation requests from other members on those committees are also set out above.

31. The outcome of William Pimlott's previous dispensation requests are (i) partially granted (speaking rights only) by the Standards Committee in May 2017 until ward elections in 2021 to speak at meetings where parking for Barbican residents is under consideration; (ii) partially granted under delegated authority to speak only on Ben Jonson, Breton, Thomas More, Benyon and Willoughby Houses, Barbican residential car park and stores at the Barbican Residential Committee on 4 June 2018; (iii) in view of Dispensations Sub (Standards) Committee, William Pimlott could not have a disclosable pecuniary interest in car park and store pricing in the Barbican and therefore it would not be appropriate to grant him a dispensation. However, the Committee's guidance was that, in its view, it would not be a breach of paragraph 14 of the Code for him to speak only (but not vote) on the matters in question.

Conclusion

32. Your Committee is asked to determine this application in accordance with the criteria set out under the Localism Act 2011.

Contacts:

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Committee and Member Services Officer
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martin.newton@cityoflondon.gov.uk

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

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- It is otherwise appropriate to grant a dispensation.

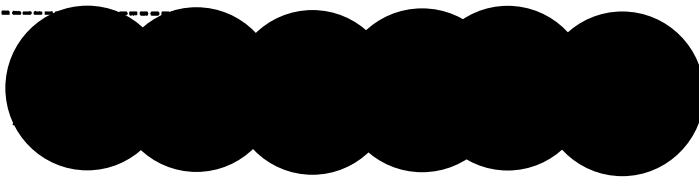
Please provide the following information if you wish to request a dispensation to allow you to speak and/or vote on a specific matter or matters, either on a specific occasion or at any point until the next Ward elections in 2021.

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

Name: --Randall K Anderson-----
2018-----

Date: ---August 27,

Signed:



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

(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 direct tenant of the City of London for a flat in the Barbican Estate.

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

I am the Chairman of the Community and Children's Services Committee and Deputy Chairman of its Housing sub-committee. While the impetus for the original Policy and Resources paper appears to be a perceived disquiet with the organisation of the Barbican Residential Committee, several of the proposed options would directly affect the committee I chair and have consequences far broader than on the Barbican Estate. Further this item will be discussed at the upcoming Community and Children's Services Committee and the Barbican Residential Committee. I believe it is necessary for me to be permitted to comment on these options to properly represent the residents of the City. This would be in the interests of the City's residents because the two wards that include the Barbican Estate (that represent about half of the City's residents) are represented nearly exclusively by members who live on the Barbican Estate (I believe each ward has one member who is a non-resident of the Barbican, only one of whom is a member of the P&R). If members who live on the Estate are precluded from the discussion, residents of these wards will surely believe the City did not hear or consider their views. As the two largest residential wards in the City this again will raise the difficult question of effective democracy in the City. Finally, I believe I need to properly represent the committee I chair. It may be substantially affected by the governance review and the Policy and Resources committee has sought the views of the committee.

I require the dispensation for:

(i) a time limited period from/to:

(ii) for a specific meeting of:	<input type="checkbox"/>
On:	<input type="checkbox"/>
(ii) Until the Ward elections in 2021	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

If your request is urgent, please specify why:

Request considered by the Standards Committee / Dispensations Sub Committee:

Date:----- Decision taken:



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- 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 2021.

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

Name: Ian Luder----- Date: 25/08/18-----

Signed: -----

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

I currently have two dispensations which last until March 2021. One is to speak and vote on matters relating to Corporation Budgets and Council Tax. The other is to speak but not vote on matters relating to security in the public areas of and approaches to the Barbican

Earlier this summer I was given a dispensation for 24 hours to speak but not vote on housing governance. It is this matter on which I seek a dispensation, extended to include issues of fire safety and security on all the residential estates of the Corporation including the Barbican

(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 wife and I are the owners of a long leasehold Barbican property in which we reside. I accept that I have a pecuniary interest in the Barbican residential estate and that both the Housing Act and the Localism Act are engaged.

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

I am Chairman of the Audit and Risk Management Committee and, subject to re-election by the committee will be in that role until the Annual Court meeting in 2020. Thereafter I would intend to serve one year as Deputy

The ARM Committee will be reviewing relevant aspects of housing fire safety and residents safety post Grenfell. I would hope that this aspect of the dispensation would be extended to voting as well as speaking

Housing governance is also a matter within the preview of the ARM Committee and furthermore is inextricably linked to safety as well as having wider implications. I appreciate however that this aspect of a dispensation is going to be limited to speaking

I consider that the second and third reasons set out in the guidance to members are engaged in my case, and that it is necessary to enable me to perform the duties of my chairmanship.

I require the dispensation for:

(i) a time limited period from/to:

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(ii) for a specific meeting of:

On:

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(ii) Until the Ward elections in 2021

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If your request is urgent, please specify why:

Request considered by the Standards Committee / Dispensations Sub Committee:

Date:----- Decision taken:

Newton, Martin

From: Luder, Mr Alderman Ian
Sent: 25 August 2018 19:10
To: Newton, Martin
Subject: Dispensation Request

Martin

I will be out of the country until early September and cannot manage to complete the form on my I phone.

I should be grateful if this email could therefore be taken as a formal application for a dispensation to last until the next all out common council elections in 2021.

The relevant information is as follows

A. I currently have two dispensations which last until March 2021. One is to speak and vote on matters relating to Corporation Budgets and Council Tax. The other is to speak but not vote on matters relating to security in the public areas of and approaches to the Barbican

B Earlier this summer I was given a dispensation for 24 hours to speak but not vote on housing governance. It is this matter on which I seek a dispensation, extended to include issues of fire safety and security on all the residential estates of the Corporation including the Barbican

C My wife and I are the owners of a long leasehold Barbican property in which we reside. I accept that I have a pecuniary interest in the Barbican residential estate and that both the Housing Act and the Localism Act are engaged.

D I am Chairman of the Audit and Risk Management Committee and, subject to reelection by the committee will be in that role until the Annual Court meeting in 2020. Thereafter I would intend to serve one year as Deputy

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H. I consider that the second and third reasons set out in the guidance to members are engaged in my case, and that it is necessary to enable me to perform the duties of my chairmanship.

I hope that the committee concurs and look forward to receiving their written determination

Please acknowledge safe receipt of this application

Yours sincerely

Ian D Luder

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- 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 2021.

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

Name: Joyce Nash----- Date: 24/08/18-----

Signed: -----

I request a dispensation to enable me to speak on the following matter(s):

Housing Governance Review - report to Community and Children's Services, Property Investment Board, Barbican Residential and Policy and Resources Committees in September and October 2018

I wish to apply for dispensation to speak but not vote on Housing issues as I did previously

(* 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):

Resident of Barbican Estate and rent storeroom

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

The dispensation would be in the interests of persons living in the city

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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Request considered by the Standards Committee / Dispensations Sub Committee:

Date:----- Decision taken:

Newton, Martin

To: Nash Deputy, Joyce
Subject: RE: APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATIONS: Housing Governance Review - report to Community and Children's Services, Property Investment Board, Barbican Residential and Policy and Resources Committees in September and October 2018

From: Nash Deputy, Joyce
Sent: 24 August 2018 15:26
To: Newton, Martin <Martin.Newton@cityoflondon.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATIONS: Housing Governance Review - report to Community and Children's Services, Property Investment Board, Barbican Residential and Policy and Resources Committees in September and October 2018

Dear Martin

I wish to apply for dispensation to speak but not vote on Housing issues as I did previously done
I am unable to respond by my iPad to the form and to get into Guildhall this coming week. Can you please assist with this? I am so sorry about this.
I will forward also to Greg and Julie.
Many thanks
JCN

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From: Mayer, Julie
Sent: Friday, August 24, 2018 2:40:17 PM
Cc: Newton, Martin; Cater, John; Dogra, Natasha; Fraser, George
Subject: APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATIONS: Housing Governance Review - report to Community and Children's Services, Property Investment Board, Barbican Residential and Policy and Resources Committees in September and October 2018

To all Members of Community and Children's Services, Property Investment Board, Barbican Residential and Policy and Resources Committees.

Dear Member,

At the meetings of the Community and Children's Services, Barbican Residential, Policy and Resources and Property Investment Board in September and October, Members will be asked to consider a report on the Housing Governance Review. We have set up a Dispensations Sub Committee, as early as possible after recess, on 10th September 2018, to consider any dispensation requests from Members, with a disclosable pecuniary interest in this matter, who wish to apply to participate in that item of business.

In order to meet the despatch deadline for this meeting, could we please ask for any applications for dispensations by Thursday 30th August, if at all possible.

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Thank you for your attention to these matters and have a good Bank Holiday,

Julie



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

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

Name: -----Alison Gowman-----
August 2018-----

Date: -----30th

Signed: 

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

Housing governance review

(* 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 long leaseholder of a flat (with separate car parking and storage licence) in the Barbican Estate of which the City of London Corporation is the landlord

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

Whilst the Ward that I represent is not in the Barbican and so not directly affected by the Barbican Governance Review, I believe that my knowledge would be helpful in considering this review. My knowledge and experience comes as a property lawyer, former Chair of the Shakespeare Tower House Group and former member of the executive of the Barbican Association. These qualities will allow me both the understanding and also the objectivity to consider the matters before the PIB and P and R in the interests of those living in the City.

I require the dispensation for:

(i) a time limited period from/to:

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(ii) for a specific meeting of:

On:

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(ii) Until the Ward elections in 2021

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If your request is urgent, please specify why:

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Request considered by the Standards Committee / Dispensations Sub Committee:

Date:----- Decision taken:



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Name: Deputy David Bradshaw Date: -Thursday 30 August 2018

Signed: --D.J.Bradshaw-----

I request a dispensation to enable me to speak and vote*

In respect of the governance and composition of the Barbican Residential Committee ('BRC')

(* 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 long lessee of the Barbican Estate, however, the paper in question is not directly concerned with a pecuniary interest.

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

As an elected member of a predominantly residential ward, it is my duty to ensure that Barbican residents' views and concerns are heard and considered in a proper manner by the BRC - the governing body for the estate.

(Although Barbican residents' views are referred to the Barbican Estate Residents Consultation Committee – this body has no authority.)

I require the dispensation for:

(i) a time limited period from/to:

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(ii) for a specific meeting of: Barbican Residential Committee

On: Monday 17 September 2018

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(ii) Until the Ward elections in 2021

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If your request is urgent, please specify why:

Forthcoming BRC meeting at which the paper referred to above will be discussed - scheduled for 17 September - is in just over 2 weeks time.

Request considered by the Standards Committee / Dispensations Sub Committee:

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Name: --- Mary Durcan----- Date: -----31
August 2018-----

Signed: -----Mary Durcan-----

I request a dispensation to enable me to speak on the following matter(s):

the discussion about the future reorganisation of the Barbican Residential Committee at the meeting on 17th September 2018.

This is a matter of considerable concern to the residents of the ward I represent (Cripplegate). Residents have informed me that they are aware that several years ago there was a similar discussion and talk of residents setting up an alternative management system separate from the City of London Corporation. Following a commitment from the CoL to set up a committee specifically to represent the Barbican and as a forum for their representatives to raise issues of concern the alternative proposal was dropped. They would regard significant changes or abolition of the BRC as a repudiation of that agreement and an act of bad faith on the part of the Corporation. They are concerned that they have not been officially consulted on this matter and are desirous that this is remedied in addition to their elected representatives being allowed to speak on their behalf at any relevant meetings. Without being granted permission to speak it is impossible to know how I can represent those I represent and would appear to be a denial of their democratic rights. Given the desirability and necessity of good relations between our City residents, their elected representatives and the Corporation I am anxious to speak at the meeting to ensure full representation and transparency. I would be grateful if you would accord me the relevant dispensation.

In addition there is the matter of the Barbican Service charge account on which I would also like to have the opportunity to speak. I accept that non resident members of the BRC have an important role to play but it requires the resident members to raise questions on many issues which residents raise with them.

There may be other issues of importance on the agenda affecting my residents/electors but we have not seen the agenda yet so it is difficult to be definitive.

I would ask for dispensation to speak on such matters and carry out my promise to my electors that I would represent them fully.

I understand that due to my pecuniary interest that I cannot vote on such matters.

Thank you.
Mary Durcan

(* 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 the joint leasehold owner of a flat and car park space in Andrewes House in the Barbican. I understand that this may prohibit me from voting although I do not believe I should be prohibited from speaking In the discussions.

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

If I and other resident members of the BRC are prohibited from participating in these discussions leaving only non resident members speaking and voting, I do not believe that a fair and representative discussion would take place. The proportion of members excluded would be so great as to impede the transaction of the business. It is essential that members representing Cripplegate and Aldersgate residents have the opportunity to fully represent their residents to ensure a democratic discussion occurs which is fair and transparent to all.

I require the dispensation for:

(i) a time limited period from/to:

(ii) for a specific meeting of...the BRC on ...17th September.....2018.....

(ii) Until the Ward elections in 2021

If your request is urgent, please specify why:

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Name: Catherine McGuinness----- Date: 3 September 2018-----

Signed: -----

I request a dispensation to enable me to speak on the following matter(s):

I would like, please, to seek dispensation to speak when the question of housing governance is raised at committees on which I serve, including Policy & Resources (though of course I will not chair).

I am not expecting to but may wish to speak in the debate given the regular contact I have as with residents across the City, whose views I might wish to express.

(* 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 own a flat in the Barbican, in Bryer Court, which is sublet.

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

See above

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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Many thanks

Catherine

Catherine McGuinness
Chairman, Policy & Resources Committee
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From: Mayer, Julie
Sent: 31 August 2018 09:47
Cc: Newton, Martin <Martin.Newton@cityoflondon.gov.uk>
Subject: **REMINDER** APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATIONS: Housing Governance Review - report to Community and Children's Services, Property Investment Board, Barbican Residential and Policy and Resources Committees in September and October 2018

Dear Members

Further to my previous email, the papers for the Dispensations Sub (on 10th September) are being printed and published today, along with those applications received so far, thank you.

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Therefore, if you believe you may need a dispensation for the above meeting(s), **could you please email your forms to Martin.Newton@cityoflondon.gov.uk as early as possible next week.**

Thanks again,

Julie

From: Mayer, Julie
Sent: 24 August 2018 14:40
Cc: Newton, Martin <Martin.Newton@cityoflondon.gov.uk>; Cater, John <John.Cater@cityoflondon.gov.uk>; Dogra, Natasha <Natasha.Dogra@cityoflondon.gov.uk>; Fraser, George <George.Fraser@cityoflondon.gov.uk>
Subject: APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATIONS: Housing Governance Review - report to Community

and Children's Services, Property Investment Board, Barbican Residential and Policy and Resources Committees in September and October 2018

To all Members of Community and Children's Services, Property Investment Board, Barbican Residential and Policy and Resources Committees.

Dear Member,

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Thank you for your attention to these matters and have a good Bank Holiday,

Julie

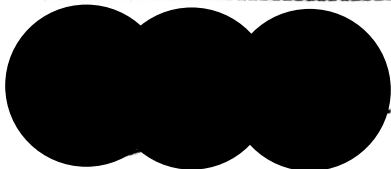
Name:

JOHN TOMLINSON

Date:

3/9/18

Signed:



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

The future, and composition, of the Barbican Residential Committee. I understand this will be part of the Housing Governance Review
(* 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 have a lease ~~or tenancy~~ of a flat in the Barbican.

It concerns a housing matter that affects the property in which I live.

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

1 Without the dispensation the proportion of Members prohibited from participating in the debates concerning the future, and composition, of the Barbican Residential Committee ("BRC") would be so great as to impede the proper consideration of the matter, particularly at BRC meetings.

2 Granting the dispensation is in the interests of persons living in the City, and in particular the Barbican estate, which contains about half the City's residents.

3 It is appropriate to grant a dispensation because the future, and the composition, of the BRC is to be considered not only by the BRC but other committees, some of which are being consulted as a paper before the July meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee ("P&R") suggested other committees/boards which might take over responsibility for the Barbican estate if the BRC was to be disbanded, the matter will come back to P&R and possibly the full Court as well. It is a matter of considerable concern to Barbican residents (whether long leaseholders or short term tenants) and even if not a member of the committee or board considering the matter I may be invited by the Chairman to speak.

4 I am asking for a dispensation until the Ward elections in 2021 as the composition and future of the BRC may be further reviewed if a committee, including P&R and Standards, consider any revised arrangements are not working satisfactorily. It is a burden, both on me and the Standards Committee, to have to ask for a dispensation prior to each committee meeting, and it places both me and the Committee Chairman at a disadvantage should a late paper be submitted or the matter be raised at the meeting as a matter which the Chairman considers urgent, to the extent that the Chairman may be obliged, in the interests of natural justice, to defer the matter to give time for another dispensation to be applied for. The BRC normally only meets four times a year and it adds to the work of the Town Clerk if additional meetings need to be held because a matter cannot be dealt with at short notice. The future arrangements for the BRC are not an appropriate matter to be decided under urgency, particularly by the BRC.

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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If your request is urgent, please specify why:

The matter is to be considered by the BRC on 17 September 2018 and other committees shortly afterwards, or probably before, on 12 September, in the case of the Property Investment Board.

Request considered by the Standards Committee / Dispensations Sub Committee:

Date:----- Decision taken:

Name: **MARK BOSTOCK**

Date: **4 September 2018**

Signed:

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

The future, and composition, of the Barbican Residential Committee and on the Housing Governance Review

(* 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 have a lease on a flat in the Barbican: 815 Frobisher Crescent

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

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2 Granting the dispensation is in the interests of persons living in the City, and in particular the Barbican and Golden Lane Estate, which contains about half the City's residents. As an elected member of Cripplegate Ward I feel very strongly the need to properly represent my constituent's interests.

3 It is appropriate to grant a dispensation because the future, and the composition, of the BRC is to be considered not only by the BRC but other committees, some of which are being consulted as a paper before the July meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee ("P&R") suggested other committees/boards which might take over responsibility for the Barbican Estate if the BRC was to be disbanded, the matter will come back to P&R and possibly the full Court as well. It is a matter of considerable concern to Barbican residents (whether long leaseholders or short term tenants) and even if not a member of the committee or board considering the matter I may be invited by

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I require the dispensation for:

(i) a time limited period from/to:

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(ii) for a specific meeting of:

On:

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(ii) Until the Ward elections in 2021 or if my request is not granted for the next BRC Meeting on 17 September

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If your request is urgent, please specify why:

The matter is to be considered by the BRC on 17 September 2018

Request considered by the Standards Committee / Dispensations Sub Committee:

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Name: --William Pimlott-----

Date: 05/09/2018

Signed: William Pimlott

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

I request to speak and vote on all Barbican matters that might come up.

(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):

Although I have no legally defined pecuniary interest (no asset myself and no asset of a partner), the fact that my parents own a flat in the Barbican and also rent a parking bay means that I feel it is proper that I declare this.

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

I require the dispensation for:

(ii) Until the Ward elections in 2021

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If your request is urgent, please specify why:

Request considered by the Standards Committee / Dispensations Sub Committee:

Date:----- Decision taken:

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