



## **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 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: .....

(ii) for a specific meeting of: .....

On: .....

(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: .....