



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: --- 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 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:

Request considered by the Standards Committee / Dispensations Sub Committee:

Date:----- Decision taken: