

Committee: Dispensations Sub (Standards) Committee	Date: 1 April 2019
Subject: Requests for a Dispensation under the Corporation's approved Dispensations Policy	Public
Report of: Report of Town Clerk	For Decision
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Summary

Seven 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. Seven Members have submitted requests for a dispensation. The Standards Committee has requested that all such applications are accompanied by a covering report. These applications are the first to be submitted under the new dispensations policy that came into force on 1 March 2019 (appendix 1). The statutory grounds for granting a dispensation under the Localism Act 2011, and the factors that your Committee should take into account when considering these applications, are set out and explained in that document.

The applications

2. The submitted applications for dispensations are attached as appendices 2 to 8. This report does not seek to include all information included in the application forms, however, a summary of the relevant disclosable pecuniary interest and the dispensation sought in each case is set out in the following paragraphs.

Mark Bostock

3. In summary, Mark Bostock confirms he is a member for one of the two wards that encompass the Barbican Estate (Cripplegate) and has a joint long lease with his wife of a flat at Frobisher Crescent, Barbican, EC2Y 8HD. Although there are references within the application form to speaking rights only, Mark Bostock has confirmed that the dispensation request is to speak and vote on all matters relating to the Barbican residential estate except any matter relating exclusively to Frobisher Crescent.

Mary Durcan

4. In summary, Mary Durcan confirms she is a member for one of the two wards that encompass the Barbican Estate (Cripplegate) and has a long lease of a flat at Andrewes House, Barbican, EC2Y 8AX. Mary Durcan also has also registered a car parking space in Andrewes House as a disclosable pecuniary interest. The dispensation request is to speak on all matters relating to the Barbican residential estate except any matter relating exclusively to Flats 8 to 95 (inclusive) Andrewes House. Given the large size of Andrewes House she considers that beyond those flats there are no matters which might affect her flat that do not affect all the properties on the Barbican estate.

Barbara Newman

5. In summary, Barbara Newman confirms she is a member for one of the two wards that encompass the Barbican estate (Aldersgate) and has a leasehold interest in Mountjoy House, Barbican, EC2Y 8BP. The dispensation request is to speak on all matters relating to the Barbican residential estate except any matter relating exclusively to Mountjoy House.

Deputy David Bradshaw

6. In summary, David Bradshaw confirms that he is a member for one of the two wards that encompass the Barbican estate (Cripplegate) and has a leasehold interest in a property at Cromwell Tower, Barbican, EC2Y 8DD. The dispensation request is to speak on all matters relating to the Barbican residential estate except any matter relating exclusively to Cromwell Tower.

Randall Anderson

7. In summary, Randall Anderson confirms that he is a member for one of the two wards that encompass the Barbican estate (Aldersgate) and has a tenancy of a property at Breton House, Barbican, EC2Y 8DQ. The dispensation request is to speak on all matters relating to the Barbican residential estate except any matter relating exclusively to Breton House.

8. Deputy John Tomlinson

In summary, John Tomlinson confirms that he is a member for one of the two wards that encompass the Barbican estate (Cripplegate) and has a leasehold interest in a property at Cromwell Tower, Barbican, EC2Y 8DD. The dispensation request is to speak on all matters relating to the Barbican residential estate except any matter relating exclusively to Cromwell Tower.

9. Adrian Bastow

In summary, Adrian Bastow confirms that he is a member for one of the two wards that encompass the Barbican estate (Aldersgate) and has a tenancy interest in a property at Defoe House, Barbican, EC2Y 8ES. The dispensation request is to speak on all matters relating to the Barbican residential estate except any matter relating exclusively to Flats 1 to 58 (inclusive) Defoe House.

Specific considerations

10. All of the above are Members of the Barbican Residential Committee, which is made up of 20 members, including 4 representatives from Aldersgate and 7 representatives from Cripplegate (Within and Without) The quorum for that Committee is any four non-residents of the Barbican Estate.
11. The dispensation requests were received shortly before a meeting of the Barbican Residential Committee on 18 March. As an interim measure, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Standards Committee, the Town Clerk approved dispensations for speaking rights only for the above Members on general housing matters, and where applicable parking spaces and private storage spaces, under the urgency provisions of Standing Order No. 41(a). The applications now need to be considered in full by your Committee.
12. A summary of dispensation decisions taken since May 2017 by the Standards Committee, Dispensations Sub (Standards) Committee and under Standing Orders 41(a) and (b) is attached as appendix 9.

Conclusion

13. Your Committee is asked to determine these applications in accordance with the new policy on the granting of dispensations that came into force on 1 March 2019.

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