

<b>Committee:</b> Dispensations Sub (Standards) Committee	<b>Date:</b> 18 September 2020
<b>Subject:</b> Requests for a Dispensation under the Corporation's approved Dispensations Policy	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Report of Town Clerk	<b>For Decision</b>
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### **Summary**

This report set out details of one Member (Deputy John Tomlinson) who has requested a dispensation until the Ward elections in 2021 to

- (a) speak and vote on the setting of council tax
- (b) speak as a member of the public on planning applications
- (c) speak as a member of the public on licensing applications
- (d) to speak on general housing matters

Deputy Tomlinson has also requested a dispensation until the Ward elections in 2021 to

Speak at meetings of Barbican Residential Committee on the following matters

1. car parking spaces and private storage spaces, relating to Barbican residential estate
2. Fire safety matters affecting the Barbican Estate post Grenfell, including those relating specifically to the Towers.

### **Recommendation**

The Sub-Committee is asked to determine the applications for a dispensation as detailed below.

### **Main Report**

#### **Background**

1. One Member has submitted a request for a dispensation and the Standards Committee has requested that all such applications are accompanied by a covering report. This application is submitted in accordance with current dispensations policy (appendix 1). The statutory grounds for granting a dispensation under the Localism Act 2011, and the factors that your Sub-Committee should take into account when considering these applications, are set out and explained in that document.

## **The application**

2. The full application for a dispensation is appended to this report as appendix 2
3. This covering report does not seek to include all of the information included within the application but provides a summary of the dispensation sought.
4. In summary, Deputy Tomlinson confirms that he has the following "disclosable pecuniary interests" for the purpose of the Localism Act 2011 and that these interests have been published/will be published in his register of interests within 28 days:
  - (a) Joint long leaseholder of 133 Cromwell Tower, Barbican, EC2Y 8DD.
  - (b) Rental of 3 baggage stores in Cromwell Tower, Barbican, EC2Y 8DD

## **Specific considerations**

5. Deputy Tomlinson is Ward Deputy for Cripplegate Without Ward and a Member of a number of committees including Barbican Residential Committee, Barbican Estate Residents Consultation Committee, West Ham Park Committee and Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen's Park Committee.
6. Deputy Tomlinson was previously granted the following dispensations
  - (a) Dispensation to speak only on housing governance review at Barbican Residential Committee until 31 December 2019 or current review is concluded whichever is the earlier. (Expired 31st December 2019 or when current review is concluded whichever is the earlier)
  - (b) Dispensation to speak on general housing matters, as identified in dispensations policy, and also car parking spaces and private storage spaces, relating to Barbican residential estate insofar as those issues affect residents of the Barbican residential estate equally (expired 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020)
7. The Town Clerk is able to determine dispensations requests in respect of the matters referred to in paragraphs (a) – (d) set out in the summary above. However, the request in respect of fire safety matters must be determined by this Sub Committee so to avoid duplication, the entire application is presented to this Sub Committee
8. As Barbican Residential Committee does not meet until 21<sup>st</sup> September, there is adequate time for the Sub Committee to consider this application and advise Mr Tomlinson of the outcome.

## **Conclusion**

9. A summary of current dispensations awarded since May 2017 by the Standards Committee, Dispensations Sub (Standards) Committee and under Standing Orders 41(a) and (b) is attached as appendix 3.
10. The Sub-Committee is asked to determine this application in accordance with the existing policy on the granting of dispensations.

## **Appendices**

1. Dispensation policy
2. Deputy John Tomlinson application
3. Current dispensations granted

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