

Dispensations Sub-Committee

Tuesday 25 May 2021

Minutes

Attendance

Committee Members

Councillors

John Horner
Parminder Singh Birdi
Chris Kettle
Brian Hammersley
Sarah Feeney
Bill Gifford

1. General

2. Appointment of Chair

Councillor John Horner nominated Councillor Bill Gifford to the Chair. This was seconded by Councillor Parminder Singh Birdi.

A vote was held amongst members of the Sub-Committee.

Resolved:

That Councillor Bill Gifford be elected as Chair of the Dispensations Sub-Committee for this meeting.

3. Apologies

None.

4. Disclosures of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest

None.

5. Applications for Dispensations

Councillor Bill Gifford introduced the report explaining that dispensations were required for members of the County Council for a number of different scenarios as set out in the report. Without these dispensations the council could not operate he concluded.

A vote was held.

Resolved:

That the Dispensations Sub-committee grants the following dispensations for four years to all County Councillors:

- (a) Allowing them to both speak and vote in relation to the following functions of the County Council:
 - i. school meals or school transport and travelling expenses, where the County Councillor is a parent or guardian of a child in full- time education, unless it relates particularly to the school which the child attends;
 - ii. the provision of any allowance, payment, pension, indemnity or other financial benefit given to members; and
 - iii. setting Council Tax or a precept.
- (b) Who are elected members or co-opted members of another public authority, or whose spouse or partner are elected or co-opted members of another public authority, and who have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in a matter only by virtue of the fact that s/he or his/her spouse or partner is in receipt of an allowance from that other authority:
 - i. where the issue is a matter of dispute between the County Council and the other authority, and the matter would affect the financial position of that other authority, the County Councillor may speak on the matter provided s/he immediately withdraws from the meeting room; and
 - ii. in relation to other matters affecting that other authority, the County Councillor may speak and vote.
- (c) Where he/she only has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in a matter relating to the County Council or another authority by virtue of the fact that his or her spouse or partner is an employee of the County Council or that other authority, the County Councillor may speak and vote on all matters affecting the County Council or that other authority other than issues which would have a direct impact on the employment of the spouse or partner.



Chair