



Report to Standards Committee

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Subject: Request for Dispensation

I have received a request for a dispensation from two members of the Colwick Parish Council.

The Committee's powers to grant a dispensation are contained within the Relevant Authorities (Standards Committee) Dispensations) Regulations 2002. The regulations provide that a dispensation to Parish Members can be granted in the following circumstances:

- (a) The transaction of business of the authority would, on each occasion on which the dispensation would apply, otherwise be impeded by, or as a result of, the mandatory provisions because:
 - (i) the number of members of the authority that are prohibited from participating in the business of the authority exceeds 50% of those members that are entitled or required to so participate; or
 - (ii) the authority is not able to comply with any duty which applies to it under section 15(4) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.
- (b) The member has submitted to the standards committee a written request for a dispensation explaining why it is desirable; and
- (c) The standards committee concludes that having regard to the matters mentioned in paragraph (a) above, the content of the application made pursuant to paragraph (b) above, and to all the other circumstances of the case, it is appropriate to grant the dispensation.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to consider the request for a dispensation.