

DISPENSATION APPLICATIONS

Report of the City Solicitor

1. Purpose of the Report

The purpose of the report is to request Members to consider the granting of dispensations to the following Members of Washington Area Committee:-

Councillors John Kelly, Ivan Richardson, Bernard Scaplehorn, Dianne Snowden and Eddie Wake.

2. Background

On 2nd February, 2007 the Committee considered and approved the granting of a dispensation to each Member of the Washington Area Committee who also served on the Washington Pride for a period of up to four years to enable them to participate in any business of the Authority concerning Washington Pride.

On 12th February, 2008 the Committee considered and approved the granting of a dispensation to three Members of the Washington Area Committee following changes in Councillor representation who also served on the Washington Pride for a period of up to four years.

3. Current Position

It has been noted that following further changes in Councillor representation, the five Members of the Washington Area Committee above who are also Members of Washington Pride, do not have a dispensation to consider matters relating to Washington Pride. The situation exists therefore that should a report be submitted to the Washington Area Committee recommending the Committee to consider the grant of funding to Washington Pride, those Members would not be able to participate as they would have a prejudicial interest but no dispensation unlike the other Members of the Area Committee.

In accordance with the Relevant Authorities (Standards Committee) (Dispensations) Regulations 2002, the Members indicated have confirmed that they wish to seek a dispensation from the Committee to

allow them to participate in any future matters relating to Washington Pride.

It is relevant to note that there would be no personal benefit to the Members themselves but rather to the organisation.

4. Recommendation

Members are invited to consider granting a dispensation to each of the Members detailed below who serve on Washington Area Committee and also serve on Washington Pride for a period of four years:-

Councillor John Kelly
Councillor Ivan Richardson
Councillor Bernard Scaplehorn
Councillor Dianne Snowdon
Councillor Eddie Wake

5. Background Papers

The Code of Conduct for Members and Co-opted Members.
The Relevant Authorities (Standards Committee) (Dispensations)
Regulations 2002.