DISPENSATION REQUEST FORM

Please give full details of the following in support of your application for a dispensation. If you need any help completing this form please contact the parish clerk.

Your name	Cllr Andy Tree Cllr Catherine Clark Cllr Adeel Shah Cllr Penny Flux Cllr Mike Steevens Cllr Kirsty Mitchell
The council business/matter for which you require a dispensation (refer to agenda item number if appropriate)	Any item that relates to Local Government Reform or Devolution.
Details of your interest in that council business/matter	All six councillors are also East Hampshire District Councillors and Cllr Tree is a Hampshire County Councillor. Both of those councils are affected by Devolution and Local Government Reform.
Date of meeting or time period for which dispensation is sought	From and including 23rd January 2024 until the end of the council term of office in May 2027.
Dispensation requested to participate, or participate further, in any discussion of that council business/matter by that body	Yes / ~~No~~
Dispensation requested to participate in any vote, or further vote, taken on that council business/matter by that body	Yes / ~~No~~
REASON(S) FOR DISPENSATION 33 a) without the dispensation the number of persons unable to participate in the transaction of council business/matter would be so great as to impede the transaction of the council business/matter	Number of councillors able to participate (e.g. at Executive Committee) would be vastly reduced, without the ability for the six above to be included.
33b) without the dispensation the representation of different political groups would be affected so as to alter the likely outcome of any vote	N/A
33c) the dispensation is in the interests of persons living in the authority's area	Devolution and local government reform will implement the biggest changes to local government to Whitehill & Bordon in around 50 years. The six councillors listed above bring significant wealth of knowledge to enable a debate to be heard. The town council has no decision making ability over devolution or local government reform that relates to what will happen to Hampshire County Council and/or East Hampshire District Council and any discussion or vote taken by the six would be relating to town council policy on the matter and/or to engage with the other tiers of council.
33e) that it is otherwise appropriate to grant a	Precedent was set by Hampshire County Council

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dispensation Reason :	where dispensation to participate was granted to all County Councillors to vote on matters relating to devolution and local government reform, who are also district or borough councillors.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

DECISION :

Dispensation Given : YES / NO LENGTH OF DISPENSATION : 2024 - 2027

Date: 15/01/24 ..... Minute Number: ——

Signed : [redacted] ..... Clerk to the Council

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