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 town clerk.

Your name	**ALL FIFTEEN MEMBERS**
The council business/matter for which you require a dispensation (refer to agenda item number if appropriate)	Any item that relates to the council's strategic plan 2025-2028, including its adoption, amending or ratification.
Details of your interest in that council business/matter	Various members sit on outside bodies and other councils that are referenced in strategic plan, as individually disclosed on register of interests, where applicable.
Date of meeting or time period for which dispensation is sought	From and including 13th March 2025 until the end of the council term of office. expected 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	A large number of councillors would potentially be unable to participate, including the majority of the Executive Committee.
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	The strategic plan should have active engagement from members to ensure maximum input and oversight, on behalf of residents.
33e) that it is otherwise appropriate to grant a dispensation Reason :	Precedent was set by Hampshire County Council where dispensation to participate was granted to all County Councillors to vote on large overall strategy and policy matters such as relating to the budget, devolution and local government reform, who are also district or borough councillors.

Requested by Cllr Andy Tree on 11th March 2025.

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DECISION :

Dispensation Given : YES / NO LENGTH OF DISPENSATION : May 2027

Date: 12/3/25 Minute Number: N/A

Signed : ..... Town Clerk (Proper Officer)

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