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	Cllr Andy Tee Cllr Catherine Clark Cllr Kirsty Mitchell Cllr Mike Steevens Cllr Adeel Shah Cllr Penny Flux
The council business/matter for which you require a dispensation (refer to agenda item number if appropriate)	Any item that relates to the proposed Health Hub and Chase Community Hospital, including Executive Committee agenda item 173/25 for 22 Jan 2025 meeting.
Details of your interest in that council business/matter	These members are all members of East Hampshire District Council (EHDC.) EHDC's cabinet agreed to fund a Health Hub in 2021. Cllr Tree and Cllr Shah have been members of EHDC's cabinet since May 2023. Cllr Tree is a member of Hampshire County Council and sits on the Health & Adult Social Care Select Committee. There are no pecuniary interests.
Date of meeting or time period for which dispensation is sought	From and including 22 Jan 2026 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 number of members would potentially be unable to participate, including a significant proportion of the Executive Committee (including the Leader and Deputy Leader of Council, as of 21 Jan 2026.)
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	Town Council discussions and policy on these matters predate the election of town council members to HCC and EHDC and as a key local issue, we believe the public would expect town councillors (including the Leader and Deputy Leader) to participate and vote on town council policy on this area, having made the relevant declaration(s) of interest and requesting dispensation via this form. Important to also note there are no pecuniary interests.

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33e) that it is otherwise appropriate to grant a dispensation Reason :	We believe 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 21 Jan 2026

DECISION :

Dispensation Given : YES / NO LENGTH OF DISPENSATION : one meeting - Jan Exec

Date: 21/01/26 Minute Number: 173/25

Signed : Lotts Town Clerk (Proper Officer)

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