

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL
STANDARDS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Request for a Dispensation

Name of Member seeking dispensation: Councillor Gareth Dadd

In respect of which meeting(s)? *(Include dates, where possible)*

Meetings of the Council, Executive and committees when they are considering business relating to the Second Homes Premium Policy.

In respect of what business? *(If applicable, include full details of the agenda item or other matter)*

Business relating to the Second Homes Premium Policy.

Name of the Relevant Officer: *(Please indicate the name of the officer who usually presents reports on the matter for which a dispensation is sought).*

Corporate Director of Resources and Chief Finance Officer.

Desired length of dispensation: *(Please note the maximum length of a dispensation is four years)*

Until the date of the next local government elections in 2027.

Ground(s) for application: *(Please tick the relevant box(es))*

- (a) without the dispensation the number of persons prohibited from participating in any particular business would be so great a proportion of the body transacting the business as to impede the transaction of the business;
- (b) without the dispensation the representation of different political groups on the body transacting any particular business would be so upset as to alter the likely outcome of any vote relating to the business;
- (c) granting the dispensation is in the interests of persons living in the authority's area;
- (d) without the dispensation each Member of the Authority's Executive would be prohibited from participating in any particular business to be transacted by the Executive; or
- (e) it is otherwise appropriate to grant a dispensation.

Details of your interest:

Please set out full details of your interest in the business concerned. Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary:

In a spirit of openness and transparency, I am seeking a dispensation to enable me to fully participate in meetings of the Council, Executive and committees when they are considering business relating to the Second Homes Premium Policy.

I have registered on my interests form, as Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, my directorships of Wedgwood Alexander Properties Ltd and Bradley Bell (Staithe) Ltd, both of which are stated on the register to be property holiday lettings.

I am the Deputy Leader of the Council and responsible for the executive portfolio including Finance.

The legislation and therefore decision regarding the second home council tax premium does not cover holiday lettings and therefore as the Council business does not directly relate to or affect my registered interests (which operate holiday lettings), I do not have a Disclosable Pecuniary or Other Registrable Interest in business relating to the decision on the council tax premium on second homes.

However, during formal meetings, discussions on the Second Homes Premium Policy may touch on the wider debate regarding holiday lets. I am mindful of my business interests and the perception this might give and I am therefore seeking a dispensation to enable me to fully participate and vote, in view of potential public perception.

The former North Yorkshire County Council previously granted me a dispensation to enable me to fully participate in meetings of the Council, Executive and committees when they are considering business relating to the Second Homes Premium Policy for a period of four years. The dispensation therefore expires on 17 October 2026 and I am seeking a renewal of the dispensation from its expiry until the next local government elections in 2027.

Reasons for seeking a dispensation:

Please set out full reasons why it is desirable for the Standards and Governance Committee to grant you a dispensation in respect of the above interest. Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary:

I am seeking a dispensation on the grounds that it is in the interests of persons living in the area and it is otherwise appropriate to grant the dispensation.

The nature of my business interests is such that it would not affect my objectivity in considering the wider public interest in business relating to the Second Homes Premium Policy.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WHEN ACTING UNDER A DISPENSATION, MEMBERS MUST AT ALL TIMES ACT, AND APPEAR TO ACT, IN THE AUTHORITY'S BEST INTERESTS.

Signed: **Councillor Gareth Dadd**

Dated: **18 February 2026**

TO: **BARRY KHAN**, Monitoring Officer, North Yorkshire Council