

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL
STANDARDS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Request for a Dispensation

Name of Member seeking dispensation: NYC Members who are members of/clerk to a parish/town council which may be affected by the 2025/26 Community Governance Review

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

Meetings of full Council when considering business relating to the 2025/26 Community Governance Review.

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

Debating and approving the Council's budget and any associated motions.

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).*

Jennifer Norton, Assistant Director Legal Operations and Deputy Monitoring Officer

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

Until 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:

I am seeking a dispensation to enable me to speak, vote and be included in the quorum at meetings of full Council when it is considering business relating to the 2025/26 Community Governance Review.

I have a registered interest in a parish/town council which may be affected by the 2025/26 Community Governance Review.

I understand that draft recommendations for the second phase consultation on the Review will be considered by full Council on 18 March 2026 and that it is anticipated that a further report will be taken to full Council on 15 July 2026 to approve the 2025/26 Community Governance Review outcome.

As such Council business will directly relate to my registered interest, I will not be able to fully participate in the debate and vote on any Community Governance Review related reports without a dispensation.

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, so I am able to represent residents as local Member.

The nature of my interest is such that it would not affect my objectivity in considering the wider public interest in matters relating to the Community Governance Review and the matter has no financial impact on myself as an individual.

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:

Dated:

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