

STANDARDS COMMITTEE



Report subject	Dispensations granted by the Monitoring Officer
Meeting date	8 October 2024
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	To retrospectively report the dispensations granted by the Monitoring Officer for the time period 1 April 2024 to 30 September 2024
Recommendations	It is RECOMMENDED that: Standards Committee note the dispensations granted by the Monitoring Officer during the period 1 April 2024 to 30 September 2024
Reason for recommendations	To support a robust ethical governance framework, the Standards Committee should be informed of decisions made in respect of Councillors and the application of the Councillor Code of Conduct

Portfolio Holder(s):	Not applicable
Corporate Director	Graham Farrant, Chief Executive
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Wards	Not applicable
Classification	For Information

Background

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1. Following receipt of written requests, dispensations were granted to Cabinet Members, Councillors Brown, Burton, Cox, Earl, Hadley, Hanna, A Martin and K Wilson to enable them to fully participate in the debate and vote on the appointment of the new Leader of BCP Council.

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2. A dispensation was granted to all BCP Councillors so that they could freely participate in the debate and vote in respect of the housing related motion proposed by Councillor P Cooper and seconded by Councillor P Canavan.

Options Appraisal

3. As this is the retrospective reporting of dispensations granted there are no other options available. The failure to grant a dispensation would have had the potential to adversely affect the debate of the items in question.

Summary of financial implications

4. Not applicable in this report

Summary of legal implications

5. A dispensation may be granted by the Monitoring Officer in accordance with s33 Localism Act 2011. It is good practice for these decisions to be reported to the Standards Committee so as to promote integrity and transparency of decision making.

Summary of human resources implications

6. Not applicable in this report

Summary of sustainability impact

7. Not applicable in this report

Summary of public health implications

8. Not applicable in this report

Summary of equality implications

9. Not applicable in this report

Summary of risk assessment

10. Not applicable in this report

Background papers

BCP Council Constitution

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Appendices

None