

# STANDARDS COMMITTEE



Report subject	<b>Dispensations granted by the Monitoring Officer</b>
Meeting date	21 January 2025
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	To retrospectively report the dispensations granted by the Monitoring Officer for the time period 1 October 2024 to 10 January 2025
<b>Recommendations</b>	<b>It is RECOMMENDED that:</b>  <b>Standards Committee note the dispensations granted by the Monitoring Officer for the time period 1 October 2024 to 10 January 2025</b>
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

1. A dispensation was granted to all Councillors attending Council on 15 October 2024, to enable all to fully and freely participate in the debate on the agenda item relating to the Community Governance Review. The dispensation was granted as many BCP Councillors were Charter Trustees and or Members of existing Town and Parish Councils.
2. In respect of this dispensation, the Monitoring Officer did take the opportunity to seek the views of the Members of the Standards Committee on 8 October 2024, who also supported the granting of this dispensation.

## Options Appraisal

3. As this report notes the retrospective granting of dispensations there are no alternative options available for consideration. The failure to grant a dispensation would have had the potential to adversely affect the debate of the item in question

## Summary of financial implications

4. There are no financial implications directly arising from 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. There are no human resources implications directly arising from this report.

## Summary of sustainability impact

7. There are no sustainability impact issues directly arising from this report

## Summary of public health implications

8. There are no public health implications directly arising from this report.

**Summary of equality implications**

9. There are none directly arising from this report

**Summary of risk assessment**

10. There are none directly arising from this report

**Background papers**

BCP Council Constitution

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**Appendices**

none