

STANDARDS COMMITTEE



Report subject	Dispensations Granted by the Monitoring Officer
Meeting date	7 July 2026
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	To retrospectively report the dispensations granted by the Monitoring Officer for the time period 6 March 2026 to 7 July 2026.
Recommendations	It is RECOMMENDED that: Standards Committee note the dispensations granted by the Monitoring Officer for the time period 6 March 2026 to 7 July 2026.
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	Aidan Dunn, Chief Executive
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Wards	Not applicable
Classification	For Information

Background

1. On 24 March 2026 a dispensation was granted to all Members to enable them to participate fully in the debate and vote on the SEND motion at the meeting of Full Council of the same date. This was in accordance with the public interest and appropriate and expired at the end of the meeting.

Options Appraisal

2. As this report notes the retrospective granting of a dispensation 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

3. There are no financial implications directly arising from this report.

Summary of legal implications

4. 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

5. There are no human resources implications arising from this report.

Summary of sustainability impact

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

Summary of public health implications

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

Summary of equality implications

8. There are none directly arising from this report.

Background papers

Published works.

Appendices

There are no appendices to this report.