

Determination Notice for request for dispensation

Date of Request for Dispensation	18 May 2023
Committee Members	Cllr Bull (Chair); Cllr Blathwayt; Cllr Shires; Cllr MacDonald; Cllr Dixon; Cllr Porter; Cllr Fitch-Tillett
Monitoring Officer	Ms Jordan
Member requesting dispensation	Cllr V Holliday

Committee(s) or decision-making body from which a dispensation is requested	Overview & Scrutiny Committee; Full Council; Planning Policy and Built Heritage Working Group
Details of Membership of that body	Member of Overview & Scrutiny Committee; Member of Full Council; Substitute for Planning Policy and Built Heritage Working Group
The business for which a dispensation is requested	Debate and vote on Council Tax Discounts (including a change to discount on second homes) at Full Council on 16 November, and subsequently as detailed above, on debates and decisions on second homes and holiday homes in the District
What is the member's interest	The owner of a holiday let in Cley. This is declared on the register of interests as a pecuniary interest
Is dispensation to participate, vote or both?	Both
Reasons for allowing or refusing the dispensation	<p>This application is allowed.</p> <p>Cllr Holliday was previously granted a like dispensation for the period 11/10/22 to 23/05/2023 and the reasons for allowing this dispensation remain valid and are repeated.</p> <p>The information provided by the councillor has been considered. Members have been consulted, considering her interest, the need to maintain public confidence in the conduct of the Council's business, the possible consequences and the need for efficient, effective and transparent conduct of the Council's business.</p> <p>The village and ward represented by the Member has a high percentage of second homes and holiday lets. The Member is conversant with the issues this causes. Some constituents are disadvantaged by, and some benefit from second homes and holiday lets. There are those who hold strong views on holiday lets – such as those who have holiday lets, and those who are or who have family wanting to buy or rent property in the area.</p> <p>It is considered that given the high number of second homes and property lets in the District, this Councillor's voice is important to bring balance to these matters and grants this dispensation as it is considered that it is in the interests of persons living in the authority's area, as set out in section 33(2)(c) Localism Act 2011.</p> <p>The Member must declare the nature and existence of the dispensation before the commencement of any business to which it relates.</p>
Period covered by the dispensation	18/05/23 until 17/05/27

Signed: Monitoring Officer  Date.....22 May 2023.....