

Dispensation

The Monitoring Officer authorises the following dispensation having liaised with Members of the Standards Committee:

Members for which this dispensation applies	• Members of North Norfolk District Council receiving allowances as a Member • Members of North Norfolk District Council and who are Members of Norfolk County Council ('twin-hatters') receiving allowances as a Member
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Committee(s) or decision-making body from which a dispensation would apply	Full Council, Cabinet and all council committees
Details of Membership of that body	All Members are members of Full Council
The business for which a dispensation would apply	Debate and vote on matters relating to Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation
What is the member's interest	Receipt of Member allowances and receipt of Member allowances at another authority
Is dispensation to participate, vote or both?	Both
Reasons for allowing or refusing the dispensation	Dispensation is granted. Due to the uncertainty of whether Members who receive Member allowances have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest ["DPI"], a dispensation is provided for all Members, both for Members of NNDC alone, and 'twin-hatters', for a period of 4 years (or vesting day- whichever is earlier), for matters relating to Local Government Reorganisation and Devolution to enable Members who may have a DPI through receipt of Member allowances to participate and vote on matters relating to Local Government Reorganisation and devolution on such reports as may come forward for discussion at the Council. To ensure consistency across Norfolk councils and to allow full participation in discussions and votes on local government reorganisation, a dispensation is considered appropriate under section 33(2) of the Localism Act 2011, as without the dispensation, some Members may be prohibited from participating thereby impeding the transaction of business; and granting the dispensation is in the interests of persons living in the authority's area to ensure democratic representation and

	effective decision-making on matters of significant local importance <i>*Note:</i> <i>A Disclosable Pecuniary Interest arises not only in respect of the individual Member, but also their spouse, civil partner or co-habitee.</i> <i>Any Member who has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest for reasons other than those relating to allowances detailed in this dispensation would need to make a personal application setting out in detail the nature of the Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and the reasons why they should be granted a dispensation for that Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and the extent of the dispensation that they are seeking.</i>
Period covered by the dispensation	4 years - From 10/09/25 to and including 09/09/2029, or the vesting of a new Authority, whichever is the earlier.

Signed by the Monitoring Officer in consultation with Members of the Standards Committee

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Date.....10 September 2025.....