

Record of an officer making an executive decision



Name of officer and title	Ifty Ali (Lead Legal and Monitoring Officer) after consultation with Caryl Billingham (one of the Council's Independent Members)
Subject matter:	Dispensation for all Members in relation to the discussion of a Notice of Motion on bringing empty properties back into use.
Date of decision:	14 February, 2018.
Decision:	The grant of a dispensation to all Members of the Council under Section 33 of the Localism Act, 2011, in accordance with the Council's Scheme of officer delegations.
Reasons for decision:	A Notice of Motion has been submitted for consideration by Council on 22 February, 2018. A large number of Members are private landlords and would have a prejudicial interest in the matter, preventing them from participating in the debate and voting. The Lead Legal and Monitoring Officer felt that it would be appropriate in the interests of residents of the District to seek a dispensation to enable all Members to take part in and vote on the matter.
Alternative options considered	Not to grant the dispensation. However this would prevent a significant number of members from participating in the debate.
Any conflict of interest declared by a Cabinet Member who is consulted and any dispensations granted to them:	The grant of the dispensation would negate the conflicts of interest identified.
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