

DISPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF EXETER CITY COUNCIL

2023-2027

For the period 8 March 2023 to 7 March 2027, all Members of Exeter City Council shall be granted a Dispensation to permit them to speak and vote at meetings of Exeter City Council, its Executive or any Committee, Sub-Committee, Joint Committee, Joint Sub-Committee, Working Group or Working Party thereof if the matter relates to any of the following functions of the Council, namely:

- Any allowance, travelling expenses, payment or indemnity for Members of the Council;
- Any ceremonial honour to be given to Members;
- Any and all Housing matters including financial matters where the Councillor (or their Spouse or Partner) holds a tenancy or lease with the Council provided that the matter does not relate to the Councillor's particular tenancy or lease;
- Overarching budget reports where the Councillor (or their Spouse/ Partner) receive Housing Benefit;
- Setting of the Council Tax or Precept in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992 by virtue, for example, of a Member being a land or property owner in the administrative area of the City Council;
- Where a Member is a representative of the City Council on any City Council wholly owned, controlled or joint local authority company or Joint Venture Partnership on any matter relating thereto unless it relates to any personal remuneration or personal involvement therein.
- Deciding upon the grant funding of external organisations where a Member has been appointed to that external organisation by the Council;

A general dispensation to all Members to allow them to stay and speak, but not to vote, in relation to consideration and decisions on Council Tax Support where a Member (or their Spouse or Partner) is in receipt of Council Tax support.

Where a Member is unsure whether this General Dispensation applies to his/her particular circumstances, s/he is advised to make a specific request to the Monitoring Officer.

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(Signature)
Monitoring Officer

Dated this 8th day of March 2023

[NB: The Council's Monitoring Officer is authorised to determine requests from Members for dispensations where it is appropriate in the circumstances of the case or where, for instance, a significant number of members would be prevented from participating in any item of business or the representation of political groups would

be upset so as to impede or affect the likely outcome of the transaction of or vote upon that item of business or where it would be in the interests of the inhabitants of the area.