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Request from Councillor Francis Morland for a Dispensation

Dear Sirs,

I am the duly-elected member of Wiltshire Council ("the Council") for its Southwick Division.

If not re-elected, my term of office will expire in May 2013.

With effect from 1 July 2012, section 31(4) of the Localism Act 2011 ("the Act") restricts any member of a council from participating at a meeting in respect of any matter in which he has a disclosable pecuniary interest.

In accordance with section 30(3) of the Act, regulation 2 of and the schedule to The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012 No. 1464), coming into force on 1 July 2012, specify what are disclosable pecuniary interests.

I am currently assessed for Council Tax in respect of my home at Dead Maids Close Chapmanslade Westbury Wilts. BA13 4AD, and accordingly it appears that I have a disclosable pecuniary interest in any Precept set by the Council on or after 1 July 2012 and in any budgetary or other matter required to set such a Precept.

Such a general and far reaching disability is clearly perverse and disproportionate to any benefits likely to be achieved by these provisions.

In accordance with section 33(1) of the Act, please therefore treat this e-mail as a written request, duly-made to the proper officer of the Council, to grant a dispensation relieving me from both of the restrictions in section 31(4) of the Act, by reason of one or more of the considerations specified in sub-section (2) of section 33, particularly (c) "that granting the dispensation is in the interests of persons living in the authority's area" and (e) "that it is otherwise appropriate to grant a dispensation".

Yours faithfully,

Francis Morland