

Request for a Dispensation

Please complete the following details and give as much information as possible.

1. Please summarise the matter to which your interest relates:

I am the treasurer of the Marlborough Area Action Poverty Group – a non-incorporated organisation that raises funds and uses them for the benefit of local people in need.

I wish to submit a Member's bid for LYN funds (Marlborough Area Board) to support an initiative to be project managed by 6th form students at St Johns academy for a summer event with a focus on benefiting disadvantaged young people in the area. MAPAG run an event for primary school aged children. This would be for secondary age 13 – 17.

MAPAG would support the match funding in addition to fund raising by the 6th Form organisers. The request is for £1,140 of a £2,500 initiative cost. Approx 12 6th formers are involved. The event will target attendance by c75 young people.

2. What is the nature of your interest?

As Treasurer of MAPAG there is a conflict with my role as Wiltshire Councillor for Marlborough East role on the Marlborough Area Board awarding grant money to an organisation I represent

3. For which meeting(s) or period are you seeking a dispensation?

The Area Board Meeting of 21st March 2023. However, it is possible that MAPAG may seek grant funds in the future.

4. Please set out in detail the reason(s) why you consider you should be granted a dispensation.

The beneficiaries are the 6th Form organisers in learning and applying skills as volunteers and the young people we are able to offer a great summer event. MAPAG is able to provide some funding as well as support fund raising. My role as MAPAG Treasurer is incidental and MAPAG as such will not benefit from the funds; the organisers and attendees will.

As the Marlborough Area Board comprises just three members, without a a dispensation, the Area Board will be non-quorate for this grant application. This would mean a well-respected local organisation set up to help disadvantaged people would not be able to receive grant money while I am its Treasurer.

	Name	Date
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When completed this form should be sent for attention of the Monitoring Officer at committee@wiltshire.gov.uk