

STANDARDS DISPENSATION SUB-COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE STANDARDS DISPENSATION SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16 NOVEMBER 2010 AT COMMITTEE ROOM VII - COUNTY HALL, TROWBRIDGE.

Present:

Mr Michael Cronin, Cllr Malcolm Hewson and Mr Keith Wallace

Also Present:

Ian Gibbons, Monitoring Officer

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

2. Consideration of a dispensation request Councillor John Knight of Wiltshire Council

The Monitoring Officer introduced the report and explained that as a member of Wiltshire Council Councillor John Knight sits on the Trowbridge Area Board. His request for dispensation relates to any grant applications made by Trowbridge Town Council and community asset transfers from Wiltshire Council to Trowbridge Town Council which are both considered by Trowbridge Area Board.

The Monitoring Officer explained the law and guidance relevant to this request and advised that, in his view, a personal and prejudicial interest would arise as those matters affect the financial position of Trowbridge Town Council, of which Councillor John Knight is a member.

He reminded the Sub-Committee that, in reaching a decision, they must have regard to guidance from Standards for England.

Resolved

That it is in the public interest to grant a dispensation to run until the next election in May 2013, subject to there being no material change in the circumstances under which this dispensation is granted.

The dispensation is to enable Councillor John Knight to speak and vote at meetings of Trowbridge Area Board on matters pertaining to grant applications by Trowbridge Town Council and community asset transfers from Wiltshire Council to Trowbridge Town Council.

(Duration of meeting: 14.00 – 14.20)

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