

Appendix A
Wiltshire Council
Standards Committee
Dispensation Request Form

Please give full details of the following in support of your application for a dispensation. You should refer to the accompanying guidance "Dispensation Requests - Application Process and Criteria for Determination"

If you need any help completing this form please contact Ian Gibbons, Monitoring Officer on 01225 713052 or by e-mail ian.gibbons@wiltshire.gov.uk

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Please set out below your reasons for applying for a dispensation having regard to the criteria set out in the accompanying guidance. Your statement in support of your application should cover the following:

- the decision-making body in respect of which you require a dispensation, including details of membership;
- details of the matter for which you require a dispensation (meeting(s) and item(s) of business);
- details of your interest in the business for which you require a dispensation;
- reasons why you consider a dispensation is necessary;
- the terms of the dispensation you are seeking;

Statement in Support of Application for Dispensation

I am applying for a dispensation as I am a dual-hatted member, being a member of both Westbury Town Council and Wiltshire Council. I sit on Westbury Area Board which has 4 members. Until now, 2 of the 4 members were dual-hatted and this presented problems at Area Board meetings where grant applications were received from the Town Council, as I was unable to speak or vote due to it constituting a prejudicial interest. In light of this situation I previously had a dispensation awarded to permit me to speak and vote on Westbury Town Council grant applications provided that another member of the Area Board who could vote on the application was not present at the meeting.

Circumstances have now changed in that a third member of Westbury Area Board is now a member of the Town Council, resulting in 75% of the Area Board members being dual-hatted and unable to vote on Town Council grant applications (hence the previous dispensation is void and needs to be reviewed).

I am applying for the dispensation on the basis that, without it, the Area Board would be unable to consider and/or determine any grant applications from Westbury Town Council.

(Continue on a separate sheet as necessary)

Signed Cllr Michael Cuthbert-Murray

Dated: 10 August 2010

Please send your completed form to the Monitoring Officer, Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, Wiltshire BA14 JN, by post, by fax (01225 718399) or by e-mail to ian.gibbons@wiltshire.gov.uk

Your request will be considered by the Dispensation Sub-Committee at the earliest opportunity. You will receive written notification of their decision within 5 days of their meeting.