



North Tyneside Council

Standards Sub-committee

Date Not Specified

Thursday, 19 December 2019 0.02 Chamber - Quadrant, The Silverlink North, Cobalt Business Park, North Tyneside, NE27 0BY **commencing at 9.30 am.**

Agenda Item

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1. **Apologies for Absence**

To receive apologies for absence from the meeting.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

You are invited to declare any registerable and/or non-registerable interests in matters appearing on the agenda, and the nature of that interest.

Please complete the Declarations of Interests card available at the meeting and return it to the Democratic Services Officer before leaving the meeting.

You are also invited to disclose any dispensation from the requirement to declare any registerable and/or non-registerable interests that have been granted to you in respect of any matters appearing on the agenda.

3. **Dispensations - Appointment to Outside Bodies**

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To determine requests for dispensation received from Members in relation to their appointment to Outside Bodies by the Authority.

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Members of the Standards Sub-committee

Councillor Martin Rankin
Councillor Sean Brockbank
Councillor Frank Lott

North Tyneside Council Report to Standards Sub-Committee Date: 19 December 2019

ITEM 3

Title: Dispensations –
Appointments to
Outside Bodies

Report Author: Stephen Ballantyne, Lawyer Specialist – (Tel: 643 5329)
Governance and Employment

Wards affected: All

1.1 Purpose:

To determine requests for dispensations from Members received in relation to their appointment to outside bodies by the Authority.

1.2 Recommendation(s):

The Sub-Committee is recommended to determine the requests for dispensation.

1.3 Information

- 1.3.1 At the beginning of each Municipal Year Members of the Council are appointed to various outside bodies by the Authority. These appointments are Registerable Personal Interests under the Authority's Code of Conduct for Members.
- 1.3.2 Those interests may be in relation to any item of business considered at an Authority meeting (including specifically in connection with an Authority budget setting meeting) mean that the criteria set out in paragraph 17 of the Code of Conduct may be satisfied requiring the Member to leave the meeting.
- 1.3.3 The Localism Act 2011 introduced a more generous regime of dispensations, to that which existed under the previous arrangements, for Members to speak and vote where they have an interest that is such that it prevents them from participating in an item of business.
- 1.3.4 Members may be given a dispensation either to speak but not vote, or to speak and vote, on several grounds, including that it would be in the interests of local people to allow a dispensation, or even that it is simply "appropriate to grant a dispensation".
- 1.3.5 Dispensations last for either 4 years or the date when the Member ceases to be the Authority's representative on the outside body, whichever is earlier.
- 1.3.6 Members have applied to seek dispensation from the requirements of the Code of Conduct, under Section 33(2)(e) of the Localism Act 2011 to enable them to speak and vote on any item of business to be considered at any Authority meeting in relation to the outside body to which they have been appointed. The letters from the Members seeking dispensation are attached at Appendix 1.

1.3.7 Officers in Law and Governance have reviewed the dispensation applications received as compared to dispensations previously granted by the Sub-Committee. A number of Members' appointments to outside bodies have remained the same as the previous year(s). Where there have been no changes to the appointments to outside bodies and a dispensation has been previously granted (and remains in existence for the rest of this municipal year), there is no need for the dispensation to be renewed. In these circumstances Members will be advised by the Head of Law and Governance that their existing dispensation remains in operation and does not require renewal.

1.3.8 A dispensation can be granted in the following circumstances –

- (1) So many Members of the decision-making body have interests that require them not to take part in a matter that it would “impede the transaction of the business”. Effectively this means the decision-making body would be inquorate as a result;
- (2) Without a dispensation, no member of the Cabinet would be able to participate on the matter;
- (3) Without the dispensation, the representation of different political groups on the body transacting the business would be so upset as to alter the outcome of any vote on the matter;
- (4) the Council considers that a dispensation is in the interests of persons living in its area; and
- (5) the Council considers that it is otherwise appropriate to grant a dispensation.

1.3.9 The Sub-Committee should note that the Code of Conduct for Members includes pre-existing dispensations in relation to the matters listed below.

1.3.10 The pre-existing dispensations contained in the Code of Conduct for Members are:

- Housing
- School meals or transport
- Statutory sick pay
- An allowance, payment or indemnity given to Members
- Any ceremonial honour given to Members and
- Setting the Council Tax or precept.

1.3.11 An on-line training package in relation to the requirements of the Code of Conduct and dispensations, accessed by the Learning Pool, has been developed and has been available to all Members since early January 2013.

1.3.12 As detailed above, the application for dispensation relates to the appointment by the Authority of the Member to an outside body. The Standards Sub-Committee has previously granted dispensations in these circumstances using grounds (4) and (5) detailed above in paragraph 1.3.8.

1.3.13 In these circumstances it would therefore be appropriate to grant the dispensations requested.

1.4 Appendices:

Appendix 1– Applications for dispensation.

1.5 Contact officers:

Stephen Ballantyne, Lawyer Specialist: Governance
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1.6 Background information:

None.

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Requests from Dispensations have been received from the following members:

1. Councillor Linda Bell
2. Councillor Trish Brady
3. Councillor Brian Burdis – to follow
4. Councillor Carole Burdis – to follow
5. Councillor Naomi Craven
6. Councillor Julie Crudas – to follow
7. Councillor Cath Davis
8. Councillor Sarah Day – to follow
9. Councillor Peter Earley
10. Councillor Ray Glindon
11. Councillor Margaret Hall
12. Councillor Janet Hunter
13. Councillor Carl Johnson
14. Councillor Joe Kirwin – to follow
15. Councillor Karen Lee
16. Councillor Janice Mole
17. Councillor Thomas Mulvenna
18. Councillor Erin Parker Leonard
19. Councillor Steven Phillips
20. Councillor Bruce Pickard
21. Councillor Paul Richardson
22. Councillor Willie Samuel
23. Councillor Matthew Thirlaway – to follow

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25 November 2019

Dear Sir

**Application to Standards Sub-Committee for Dispensation
Appointment to Outside Bodies**

I have been appointed by the Authority to the following Outside Body(ies). This/these appointments are registerable personal interest(s). I have registered this/these appointment(s) on my Register of Interests.

Outside Bodies (Not Exercising Executive Functions):

Wallsend Charitable (Victor Mann) Trust

Outside Bodies (Exercising Executive Functions):

Tyne and Wear Trading Standards Joint Committee (Substitute)

Accordingly it is likely that with regard to this/these appointment(s) in relation to any item of business considered at an Authority meeting (including specifically in connection with an Authority budget setting meeting), that the criteria set out in paragraph 17 of the Code of Conduct may be satisfied requiring me to leave the meeting.

This is because my interest may be such that a member of the public knowing the relevant facts would reasonably think it is so significant that it is likely to prejudice my judgement of the public interest. However, as mentioned above the Authority has appointed me to this/these outside bodies.

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Yours faithfully

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Councillor Linda Bell

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Northumberland, Tyne and Wear and North Durham Sustainability and Transformation Plan Joint Health Scrutiny Committee (Substitute)

Outside Bodies (Exercising Executive Functions):

Tyne Port Health Authority (Substitute)

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Councillor Trish Brady

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Association of North East Councils Resources Task and Finish Group

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Outside Bodies (Exercising Executive Functions):

Tyne and Wear Archives and Museums Strategic Board (Rotating member for 2019-20)

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Kettlewell Education Foundation

Outside Bodies (Exercising Executive Functions):

North of Tyne Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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North Tyneside Trading Company (Consulting) Limited

North Tyneside Trading Company (Development) Limited

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North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust Council of Governors

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Councillor Margaret Hall

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Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority

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Local Government Association Assembly

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Stations Development Limited

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Northumberland, Tyne and Wear and North Durham Sustainability and Transformation Plan Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

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Joint Street Lighting PFI Project Committee (Substitute)

Northumbria Police and Crime Panel

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Outside Bodies (Not Exercising Executive Functions):

Northumberland, Tyne and Wear and North Durham Sustainability and Transformation Plan Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

Outside Bodies (Exercising Executive Functions):

Northumbria Police and Crime Panel

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North Tyneside Trading Company (Consulting) Limited

North Tyneside Trading Company (Development) Limited

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority

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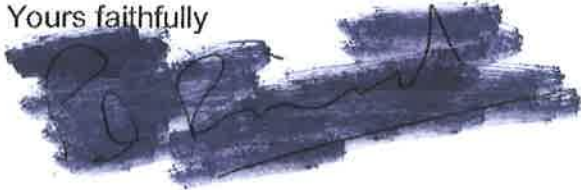
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Councillor Paul Richardson

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PATROL (Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London Joint Committee)
Adjudication Joint Committee (Substitute)

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Councillor Willie Samuel