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29 November 2021

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):

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

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.

I therefore apply for dispensation in accordance with Section 33(2)(e) of the Localism Act 2011 to enable me to attend speak and vote on any item of business to be considered at any Authority meeting, on the basis that it is appropriate that:

- a) without the dispensation the number of persons prohibited from participating in any particular business would be so great a proportion of the body transacting the business as to impede the transaction of the business;
- b) without the dispensation the representation of different political groups on the body transacting any particular business would be so upset as to alter the likely outcome of any vote relating to the business;
- c) granting the dispensation is in the interests of persons living in the authority's area;
- d) without the dispensation each member of the Authority's Cabinet would be prohibited from participating in any particular business to be transacted by the Authority's Cabinet, or
- e) it is otherwise appropriate to grant a dispensation.

If you require any further information from me with respect to this request for dispensation please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Councillor Gary Bell