

Summary of Governance and Ethics Committee Decision(s) taken on 8 February 2016

Part I

Request for Dispensation (Item 3)

Decision Monitoring Form

Forward Plan Ref.	N/a
Report Title	Request for Dispensation
Recommended Action	To consider a request for a dispensation to speak and vote submitted by Councillor Lynne Doherty in relation to meetings where the 2016/17 budget is discussed
Decision taken	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A Dispensation should be granted.2. At Full Council Councillor Doherty should be permitted to speak and vote on the entire budget.3. At Executive meetings Councillor Doherty should be able to speak and vote except where this specific line was discussed when she should be able to speak but not vote.4. The Dispensation be granted for all Council and Executive meetings where the 2016/16 budget was discussed (in the sole opinion of the Monitoring Officer) the same issue or matters arising from the same issue.
Reason for Decision being taken	To ensure that the Standards Committee is carrying out its duties under the Localism Act 2011
Other options considered:	To refuse the dispensation To allow Councillor Doherty to speak but not vote on the 2016/17 budget
Taken by	Governance and Ethics Committee
Date taken	08 February 2016
Publication Date	11 February 2016

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Interests	No interests were declared at the meeting
Dispensation	Dispensation to grant dispensations is set out in Appendix H (Code of Conduct for Members) Appendix 2 (Dispensations under the Localism Act 2011) in Part 13 (Codes and Protocols) of the Council's Constitution.

This decision is not eligible for 'call-in' as delays in implementation could compromise the Council's position.

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