## **Decision Monitoring Form**

Forward Plan Ref.	N/a
Report Title	Request for Dispensation
Recommended Action	To consider written requests for a dispensation in accordance with section 33 of the Localism Act 2011, received from all 43 West Berkshire Councillors to allow them to speak and vote on any matter which has a bearing on the setting of council tax until the 01 May 2023.
Decision taken	Grant the Dispensations
	Any member with a beneficial interest in land, i.e. who owns or rents property in the district, will have DPI in an item relating to the setting of council tax for the District.
	In the absence of the dispensation, the number of persons prohibited from participating in the business would be so great as to impede the transaction of the business.
	These dispensations will permit all Members to speak and vote on items pertaining to the setting of council tax.
	These dispensations are granted until 01 May 2023.
Reason for Decision being taken	To ensure that the requirements under the Localism Act 2011 are met.
Other options considered:	To refuse the dispensation
Taken by	Monitoring Officer
Date taken	26 February 2020
Publication Date	26 February 2020
Interests	-
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'.

If you have any queries regarding this decision, please contact: Moira Fraser, Democratic and Electoral Services Manager on Ext 2045 e-mail: <u>mfraser@westberks.gov.uk</u>