

Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council ("the Council")

Register of Interests

Dispensation under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011 ("the Act")

This is to confirm that all members of the Council who are members of the Cleveland Police and Crime Panel ("the Panel"), including those who substitute for other Members at Panel meetings, and the Independent, non-councillor Panel Members have been granted a dispensation regarding their disclosable pecuniary interests, for example, as Council Tax Payers due to their interests in land in the Council's area, in order to allow them to participate in the discussion and voting in relation to the setting of the Cleveland Police and Crime Commissioner's ("the Commissioner") precept, at all relevant meetings of the Panel, for the financial years 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16, including but not limited to the meeting of the Panel on 5 February 2013.

It was considered justifiable to grant such a dispensation to all such members under any one or more of the following circumstances provided for in the Act, given the number of members likely to be prohibited from being involved in the decision-making and the importance of the decisions to be made:-

- (a) without the dispensation, the representation of different political groups on the body transacting the business would be so upset as to alter the likely outcome of any vote relating to the business;
- (b) granting the dispensation would be in the interests of persons living in the Council's area; or it is considered that
- (c) it is otherwise appropriate to grant the dispensation

The Commissioner's precept must be set annually, and the Panel must consider and make recommendations in relation to it by law. Quorate meetings of the Panel are required in order to do this. Without a dispensation, members with disclosable pecuniary interests would be in breach of the Localism Act if they participated in the discussion and vote.

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