

Horden Parish Council

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Dear David

I refer to our earlier conversation in relation to a dispensation request for members of Horden Parish Council. Further to that, I would now like to formally submit the request to be included in the next meeting of Durham County Councils Standards Committee for consideration.

Horden Parish Council has previously received a donation request from Horden Regeneration Partnership in order to sustain their continuance until 2010 and the receipt of further externally obtained funding from other sources.

Horden Parish Council is comprised of 15 elected members. However, 10 members are affiliated with the Horden Regeneration Partnership and would have a personal or prejudicial interest in the donation decision. Clearly, Council business cannot be transacted with the abovementioned issue and on this basis, a dispensation is being sought.

Horden Parish Council would also request that the dispensation allowed members to contribute to and (where necessary) have voting rights regarding any future council business concerning the Horden Regeneration Partnership.

Council have deferred this item until a dispensation is sought with regard to The Standards Committee (Further Provisions) (England) Regulations 2009 s.17.

The 10 Parish Councillors seeking dispensation are as follows;

Margaret Robinson
Georgina Phillips
Edna Connor
William Hill
Elizabeth Wood

George Jones
Dennis Maddison
June Clark
Mary Clark
George Patterson

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Davison', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Paul Davison
Clerk to the Council