

Standards Committee

28 May 2010



**Request for Dispensation from
Eldon Parish Council**

**Report of Colette Longbottom, Head of Legal and Democratic
Services**

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider a request (copy attached as Appendix 1) from Eldon Parish Council for a dispensation under the Standards Committee (Further Provisions) (England) Order 2009, permitting members to speak and vote despite the existence of a prejudicial interest in business affecting the Eldon Community Partnership.

Background

2. A Standards Committee can grant a dispensation to a Member where more than 50% of the Members of the Council who have been entitled to attend a meeting are prohibited from voting or where the number of Members that are prohibited from voting at a meeting would upset the political balance of the meeting to the extent that the outcome of voting would be prejudiced.
3. Eldon Parish Council is comprised of 5 elected Members, three of whom are affiliated with the Eldon Community Partnership.
4. This kind of request has been previously submitted by other Parish Councils and approved by Standards Committee.

Recommendations and Reasons

5. Standards Committee is recommended to grant a dispensation to those Members of Eldon Parish Council who are affiliated with the Eldon Community Partnership, permitting them to participate and vote on any future Parish Council business concerning the Eldon Community Partnership. This dispensation shall continue until the next Parish Elections in 2013.

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