

PUBLIC

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

25 February 2019

Report of the Monitoring Officer

Granting of a Dispensation to all Elected Members

1. Purpose of the Report

To note that the Chair of Standards Committee, following consultation with the Monitoring Officer, granted a dispensation to all Members of Derbyshire County Council for the purposes of ensuring a debate could take place in respect of setting the budget presented to Full Council on 6th February 2019.

2. Information and Analysis

In setting the Council's Budget, the Council is required to debate the County's position in respect of Council Tax. .

It is noted that 44 of the 64 Elected Members for the County Council are dual hatted ie represent a District or Borough Council in addition to their County Council role. It could therefore be deemed that County Councillors would be conflicted and thus unable to participate in a debate relating to the council tax element of the Council's Budget. Such a high level of Members being affected could also have negatively impacted on the quoracy of the meeting for this particular Agenda Item.

Given this conflicting position, the Chair of Standards Committee agreed to grant a dispensation to all 44 dual hatted Elected Members so that they could freely participate in the Budget debate if they wished to do so.

3. Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: - financial, human resources, legal and human rights, equality of opportunity, health, environmental, transport, property, crime and disorder and social value considerations.

4. Background Papers

Full Council Agenda for 6 February 2019.

5. Officer Recommendation

Standards Committee notes the granting of a dispensation to all Members of Derbyshire County Council for the purposes of ensuring a debate could take place in respect of the Council's Budget presented to Full Council on 6th February 2019.

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