

Subject: Requests for Dispensation

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Report to: Special Meeting of the Standards Committee

Date: 7 January 2008

Report of: Executive Director of Regulatory Services

Portfolio Holder: A Well Managed Council

Key Decision: No

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To request dispensations to enable a meeting of the Performance Scrutiny Committee to go ahead.

2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 2.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities and associated corporate objective.
- Delivering Quality Services to Customers (Customers, Improvement)

3. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 All the issues raised and the recommendation(s) in this report involve risk considerations as set out below:
- Inability to hold a Performance Scrutiny Committee Meeting

4. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

- 4.1 A Special Meeting of the Performance Scrutiny Committee was called for 6th December 2007 to consider a call-in of a decision of the Cabinet on 14th November 2007 relating to Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Annual Licences and Fees.

- 4.2 The Special Meeting was unable to proceed as more than 50% of the Members of the Performance Scrutiny Committee had previously been involved in the issues, and, as such, had a personal and prejudicial interest preventing them from taking a full part in the proceedings of the Performance Scrutiny Committee.
- 4.2 In these circumstances, the Standards Committee has power to grant dispensations to Members enabling them to participate fully in meetings.
- 4.3 Requests for a dispensation have now been received from Members.
- 4.4 Not to grant the dispensations would mean that the Performance Scrutiny Committee could not proceed as required.

COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:

5. SECTION 151 OFFICER

5.1 No comments

6. MONITORING OFFICER

6.1 As in the report.

7. HEAD OF PEOPLE AND ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (ON BEHALF OF THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE)

7.1 No comments

8. CONCLUSION

8.1 That the dispensations should be granted.

9. RECOMMENDATION(S)

9.1 That the dispensations as requested by Members be granted.

10. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

10.1 None

11. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Is an Equality Impact Assessment required No

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12. BIODIVERSITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Is a Biodiversity Impact Assessment required No

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Background Papers	
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