

Meeting of Standards Committee – 12th April, 2011

Report of the Monitoring Officer

Request for Dispensation

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the grant of a dispensation to elected members and voting co-opted members of the Shadow Dudley Health and Wellbeing Board.

Background

2. The Council at its meeting held on 28th February 2011, approved the appointment of a Shadow Dudley Health and Wellbeing Board. A copy of the report to Council is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.
3. The Board is a Committee of the Council with the membership indicated in Annex 1 to the Appendix. As can be seen in addition to elected members there will be representatives from other bodies and the representatives from the Dudley GP Commissioning Consortium and the Voluntary/Community Sector and Patient Representative Groups will be voting co-opted members of the Board. As such they will be subject to the provisions of the Members' Code of Conduct including the provisions relating to the declaration of prejudicial interests.
4. Given the nature of the business to be transacted, set out in Annex 2 to the Appendix, it would be the case that without a dispensation the transaction of business will be impeded unless a dispensation has been granted to members.
5. The relevant Regulations which govern the grant of dispensations empower the Standards Committee to do so if the transaction of business would otherwise be impeded because the declaration of prejudicial interests would result in the number of members prohibited from participating in the business to be transacted exceeding 50% of those members entitled or required to so participate.

Finance

6. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Law


7. The relevant provisions regarding the grant of dispensations to members who have prejudicial interests are contained in the Relevant Authorities (Standards Committee) (Dispensations) Regulations 2002.

Equality Impact

8. This report complies with the Council's policies on equality and diversity.

Recommendation

9. It is recommended that the Standards Committee grant a dispensation to elected members and voting co-opted members of the Shadow Dudley Health and Wellbeing Board.



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List of Background Papers

Attached