



Minutes

Name of meeting	APPEALS COMMITTEE
Date and time	WEDNESDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2012 COMMENCING AT 10.00 AM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs David Williams (Chairman), Paul Fuller, John Hobart, Stuart Hutchinson, Colin Richards
Officers Present	Julie Martin, Chris Mathews
Apologies	Cllrs Jonathan Bacon, Susan Scoccia, Arthur Taylor

1. [Declarations of Interest](#)

There were no declarations received at this stage.

2. [Dispensations to participate in various debates](#)

Members were advised that as a consequence of the Localism Act 2011, which removed the previous code of conduct arrangements where there was an automatic dispensation to allow members to speak, participate in debate and vote in matters relating to housing, school meals, transport or travelling expenses, statutory sick pay, any allowance, payment or indemnity for members, any ceremonial honour given to members and setting council tax. Those dispensations had now fallen.

Legislation allowed for dispensations to be granted. After consulting with all 40 councillors, consideration was given to the granting of dispensations until 2 May 2013 for the following areas:

- Any allowance, payment, pension or indemnity for members;
- Any ceremonial honour given to members; and
- Setting council tax

There was some discussion relating to extending the dispensations until after the local elections had taken place in 2013. Members were advised that dispensations could not be granted to someone who was not elected yet.

RESOLVED :

THAT dispensation be granted, until 2 May 2013, so that all members can speak, participate and vote in the following matters that arise at any meeting of the Council, Cabinet, Committee or Panel:

- (i) Any allowance, payment, pension or indemnity for members;
- (ii) Any ceremonial honour given to members; and
- (iii) Setting council tax.

CHAIRMAN