

# REPORT TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Report No.

Date of Meeting	23 July 2007
Title of Report	Parish Council Dispensation
Link to Corporate Priorities	Governance – including Ethical Framework and Standards underpins the delivery of all Corporate Priorities.
Public Report	Yes

## Summary of Report:

To ask the Committee to consider a request for a dispensation from Kington St Michael Parish Council.

## Officer Recommendation:

**That the Committee grants the dispensation for a period of four years from the date of this meeting.**

Other than those implications agreed with the relevant Officers and referred to below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

Financial Implications	Legal Implications	Community & Environmental Implications	Human Resources Implications	Equality & Diversity Implications
None	None	None	None	None

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## 1. Background

- 1.1 Applications can be made to the Standards Committee for dispensations to participate in a meeting where one or more members have a prejudicial interest. In the case of Parish Councils applications can only be made when more than 50% of the members comprising the decision making body are affected by the prejudicial interest. All applications must be made in writing stating the reasons why dispensation is being sought.

## 2. Applications for Renewal of Dispensations

- 2.1 A request has been received from Kington St Michael Parish Council for a dispensation in respect of the Kington St Michael Village Shop Limited. The Parish Council is a custodial trustee of the village hall, part of which is occupied by the Village Shop. Several of the Parish Councillors were instrumental in setting up the Shop Company and remain involved with the Company as committee members, shareholders and volunteers.
- 2.2 There are currently certain issues relating to the Kington St Michael Village Shop Company which the Parish Council need to discuss and is unable to do so due to the fact that most of the Councillors have an interest.
- 2.2 The letter from Kington St Michael Parish Council setting out the request for dispensation and the reasons for this request is attached as Appendix A.

<b>Appendices:</b>	Letter from Kington St Michael Parish Council dated 13 July 2007.
<b>Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report:</b>	None

**Previous Decisions Connected with this Report:** None