

**Dispensation, Under S.33 Localism Act 2011, in Respect of the Debate at Full Council on February 14<sup>th</sup> 2017 in respect of the debate regarding the Council's Business Plan.**

Due to the wide ranging potential financial and other impact of the council's proposed business plan it raises the potential that significant numbers of the elected members will be excluded from the debate in accordance with the members' code of conduct.

In the circumstances the Monitoring officer has concluded that the interests of the residents of Cambridgeshire are best served by ensuring that their elected representatives are able to represent them within this debate.

Accordingly, pursuant to S.33(2)(c) of the Localism Act 2012, the monitoring officer has exercised his discretion to grant a dispensation to all elected members of Cambridgeshire County taking part in the debate on the council's business plan during the meeting of Full Council on the 14th February 2017.

This dispensation applies to all restrictions, under the members' code of conduct, on elected members' participation in the debate.

Signed: 

Quentin Baker, Monitoring Officer

Date: 13-02-17