

Dispensation Decision

Cambridgeshire County Council

Date dispensation request considered by Monitoring Officer	8 December 2022
Name of councillor requesting dispensation	Cllr Alex Bulat
Dispensation Granted: Yes/No	Yes
The business for which the dispensation has been given (if appropriate)	Cambridgeshire County Council Full Council meeting –13th December 2022. Agenda item 10 c) Motion from Councillor Alex Bulat
Reasons for the decision: <i>(If granted, also specify on what grounds the decision was made) - see extract from Localism Act below</i>	It was considered appropriate (under s33[1] (c) and/or (e) to grant a dispensation to speak and vote. Cllr Bulat is a consultant for Migration Work – Consultancy for communities which works across the spectrum of migration: with refugees or other migrants, responding to their diversity with a focus always on human rights. This is properly registered on her Register of Interests as a disclosable pecuniary interest. The motion relates to local level support for asylum seekers and migrants. I consider that although Cllr Bulat has a disclosable pecuniary interest in the subject matter due to her employment, the subject matter of the motion would not present a situation where she would personally benefit from the resolution. Her experience and knowledge of this area will help contribute to the debate (and it is in the interests of the electorate to have an informed debate). As there is no personal benefit to her it is considered there is no conflict of interests which would prevent her from taking part in the debate and voting on this motion.
Length of dispensation	One day –13 December 2022

Signed: **Linda Walker**

Dated: **08/12/2022**

Monitoring Officer – Cambridgeshire County Council

Extract from Localism Act 2011

33 Dispensations from section 31(4)

(1) A relevant authority may, on a written request made to the proper officer of the authority by a member or co-opted member of the authority, grant a dispensation relieving the member or co-opted member from either or both of the restrictions in section 31(4) in cases described in the dispensation.

(2) A relevant authority may grant a dispensation under this section only if, after having had regard to all relevant circumstances, the authority—

(a) considers that without the dispensation the number of persons prohibited by section 31(4) from participating in any particular business would be so great a proportion of the body transacting the business as to impede the transaction of the business,

(b) considers that without the dispensation the representation of different political groups on the body transacting any particular business would be so upset as to alter the likely outcome of any vote relating to the business,

(c) considers that granting the dispensation is in the interests of persons living in the authority's area,

(d) if it is an authority to which Part 1A of the Local Government Act 2000 applies and is operating executive arrangements, considers that without the dispensation each member of the authority's executive would be prohibited by section 31(4) from participating in any particular business to be transacted by the authority's executive, or

(e) considers that it is otherwise appropriate to grant a dispensation.

(3) A dispensation under this section must specify the period for which it has effect, and the period specified may not exceed four years.

(4) Section 31(4) does not apply in relation to anything done for the purpose of deciding whether to grant a dispensation under this section.