

**CHELTENHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CODE OF CONDUCT**

**Localism Act 2011  
Cheltenham Borough Council Local Arrangements**

**APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION**

<b>Name:</b>	Councillor ... <b>Simon A Wheeler</b>
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**Matter to be considered**

Approval of the Joint Core Strategy for Consultation purposes

**Nature of Interest**

Appendix B (Other Interest) – Gloucestershire County Councillor

**Date upon which consideration of matter will take place  
(i.e. date of the meeting if known)**

5<sup>th</sup> September 2013

**Reasons for application (please give detailed information and reasons as to why you believe dispensation should be granted in respect of your interest for which dispensation is sought)**

The Joint Core Strategy (JCS) sets out the long term vision and will help shape the future of the area up to 2031 including making provision for housing and employment land. The JCS will also provide the strategic policy framework for the area. The proposals within the plan affect everyone that lives and works in the Borough and I have been elected to represent the interests of both my own ward and the Borough as a whole. It is of vital importance that, as a local member, I am able to participate fully in the decision on this document, of which the Gloucestershire County Council land ownership affects only part. Therefore I am seeking a dispensation on the grounds that my participation in the matter at the meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2013 is in the interests of the persons living within Cheltenham Borough.

Signed:  Dated: 02.09.13

### **Circumstances in which dispensations may be granted**

On the 26 June 2012 the Council delegated authority to the Monitoring Officer to determine applications for dispensations in circumstances where (a) or (b) apply. All other applications for dispensations must be referred to the Standards Committee for determination.

- (1) Application for dispensation must be in writing.
- (2) Dispensation may be granted only if, after having had regard to all relevant circumstances, it is considered that:-
  - (a) without the dispensation the number of persons prohibited 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) 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) granting the dispensation is in the interests of persons living in the authority's area,
  - (d) without the dispensation each member of the authority's executive would be prohibited from participating in any particular business to be transacted by the authority's executive, or
  - (e) it is otherwise appropriate to grant a dispensation.
- (3) A dispensation must specify the period for which it has effect, and the period specified may not exceed four years.