

## **REPLACEMENT APPENDIX C FOR MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT**

Reference to 'dispensation' in the code means under section 33 of the Localism Act 2011

If you would like the authority to consider granting you a dispensation where you have a DPI or other Interest, you must make a prior written request to the Monitoring Officer. The grounds under which such an application will be considered are detailed below:

### **Dispensation grounds<sup>1</sup>**

A dispensation may be granted only if, after having had regard to all relevant circumstances, the Monitoring Officer considers that—

- a) without the dispensation the number of Councillors 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

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<sup>1</sup> The full wording for the statutory grounds for a DPI dispensation can be found under section 33 Localism Act 2011

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

A dispensation must specify the period for which it has effect, and the period specified may not exceed four years.