

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL DECISION RECORD
DELEGATED DECISION BY OFFICER – PUBLIC RECORD

(Part 3 of The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014)

**DISPENSATION GRANTED - SECTION 33 (2) OF THE LOCALISM ACT 2011
(DRAFT) DEVELOPMENT PLAN (ISLAND STRATEGY)**

Date of Decision: 8 April 2022

Record of Decision: That, under section 33 (2) of the Localism Act 2011 and under all other enabling powers, full dispensation is granted until the next ordinary council elections in May 2025 to each and every councillor of the Isle of Wight Council (and any person who is a member co-opted with voting rights on to a committee of the Isle of Wight Council) to remain in the meeting room and to speak and to vote on the draft development plan (including Cabinet recommendations to the Council) relating to town and country planning for the Isle of Wight Council, notwithstanding the existence of any disclosable pecuniary interest(s). For the avoidance of any doubt, this dispensation is intended to be wide covering any item of business relating to the formulation/preparation and approval of the new Island Strategy (development plan).

Reasons for Decision:

- That 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 (section 33(2)(a) of the Localism Act 2011).
- That without the dispensation the representation of the different political groups on the body transacting any particular business would be so upset so as to alter the likely outcome of any vote relating to the business (section 33(2)(b) of the Localism Act 2011).
- That the dispensation is in the interests of persons living in the authority's area (section 33(2)(c) of the Localism Act 2011).

As the proper officer for granting dispensations under section 33(2) of the Localism Act 2011 (see page 98 of the Council's Constitution), I am of the opinion that it is prudent to exercise my powers for the above reasons.

The Island Strategy will help shape the future of the Isle of Wight including making provision for housing and employment land. The proposals within the Island Strategy affect everyone that lives and works on the Isle of Wight.

The grant of this dispensation enables members who would otherwise be prevented from taking part in the consideration of, and voting upon, the (draft) development plan (Island Strategy) to participate and vote.

Details of alternative options, if any, considered and rejected: None.

Name and post of decision-maker: Christopher Potter, Monitoring Officer

Signed: C.Potter.