

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Request for a Dispensation

Name of Member seeking dispensation: COUNCILLOR PATRICK MULLIGAN

In respect of which meeting(s)? *(Include dates, where possible)*

North Yorkshire County Council, Executive, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings held prior to the date of the first meeting of the County Council after the elections in 2021, where the item of business described below is to be determined.

In respect of what business? *(If applicable, include full details of the agenda item or other matter)*

Issues relating to the Police (where the impact of any decision by the Council/Executive/Committee/Sub-Committee on the item of business would not, in any event, bring any personal advantage or disadvantage to me or my wife).

Name of the Relevant Officer: *(Please indicate the name of the officer who usually presents reports on the matter for which a dispensation is sought).*

North Yorkshire County Council's Monitoring officer.

Desired length of dispensation: *(Please note the maximum length of a dispensation is four years)*

For the period ending on the date of the first meeting of the County Council after the elections in 2021.

Ground(s) for application: *(Please tick the relevant box)*

- (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; or
- (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 Executive;
- (e) it is otherwise appropriate to grant a dispensation.

Details of your disclosable pecuniary interest:

Please set out full details of your interest in the business concerned. Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary:

My wife, Julia Mulligan, is the Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire. This office, being 'for gain' appears in my registration of interests form in the County Council's Register of Members' Interests and as such is a disclosable pecuniary interest in any matter to be considered or being considered at any meeting of the Council, Executive, Committee or Sub-Committee of the Council affecting the Police or the office of Police and Crime Commissioner.

Reasons for seeking a dispensation:

Please set out full reasons why it is desirable for the Standards Sub-Committee to grant you a dispensation in respect of the above prejudicial interest. Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary:

Since February 2013, I have been granted successive dispensations to allow me to fully participate in business relating to the Police and Police and Crime Commissioner where the business would not bring any personal advantage or disadvantage to me or my wife. These dispensations were granted as the dispensations were in the interests of persons living in the authority's area and it was appropriate to grant the dispensation. The latest dispensation, granted in June 2013, lapsed at the date of the local government elections earlier this year.

I appreciate that since the granting of the first dispensation to me, the Council's Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Executive have considered the current business case from the Police and Crime Commissioner to assume responsibility for the governance of the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority. In light of this, I am now seeking a dispensation in relation to Police issues only, and not in relation to matters relating to the Police and Crime Commissioner, to avoid giving any impression that my personal interests outweigh my objectivity.

I am therefore now seeking a dispensation to enable me to speak, vote and be included within the quorum at County Council, Executive, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings when the Council/Executive/Committee/Sub-Committee is considering business which may relate to the Police (where the impact of any decision by the Council/Executive/Committee/Sub-Committee on the item of business would not, in any event, bring any personal advantage or disadvantage to me or my wife), such dispensation to last until the date of the local government elections in 2021.

If the dispensation is not granted, I would have to declare my disclosable pecuniary interest in any such matter and leave the meeting room. My absence would mean that those I represent in my division would be without representation at the meeting and it is therefore my view that the granting of the dispensation is in the interests of persons living in the Authority's area and that it would be otherwise appropriate to grant the dispensation.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WHEN ACTING UNDER A DISPENSATION, MEMBERS MUST AT ALL TIMES ACT, AND APPEAR TO ACT, IN THE AUTHORITY'S BEST INTERESTS.

Signed: County Councillor Patrick Mulligan

Dated: 7 September 2017

TO: **BARRY KHAN**, Monitoring Officer, North Yorkshire County Council