

Chairman - Councillor A R McNaughton

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:

D P Rouxel

M J Winnington

A J Sandiford

Officers in attendance:-

T Clegg - Chief Executive

J Dean - Democratic Services Officer

SC1 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J T Rose (substituted by Councillor D P Rouxel).

SC2 Dispensations

Considered the report of the Head of Law and Governance regarding the granting of dispensations to councillors to allow them to vote in decisions relating to local government reorganisation.

Councillor M J Winnington requested that it be recorded he would like to see provision of a 'back-stop' position to allow Members to abstain from voting on said matter in certain circumstances.

The Chief Executive highlighted that there were currently no Stafford Borough Councillors serving on the administration of the County Council.

Members subsequently voted on the recommendations declared to be unanimously carried.

RESOLVED:- that that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee:-

- (a) the granting of dispensations to the dual-hatted County and Borough Council members to enable them to debate and vote on any matter relating to devolution or local government reorganisation in Staffordshire be approved;

- (b) the granting of dispensations to Borough Council members who are employed by, or are a spouse/partner of an employee of, another Council in Staffordshire to enable them to debate and vote on any matter relating to devolution or local government reorganisation in Staffordshire be approved;
- (c) the dispensations be granted until the next ordinary Borough Council elections.

CHAIR