

Full Council

Report Title:	Dispensations
Meeting Date:	16 May 2023
Contact Officer:	Mandy Sturdy, Town Clerk Lizzie Fuller, Committee Services & Processes Officer

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide background on the review and re-adoption of the Dispensation Policy and the related Dispensations.

Action Required

2. To approve the Dispensations Policy (and included General Dispensations).
3. To review, and renew where still relevant, the Dispensations, as granted by the Town Clerk.

Dispensations Policy

4. Thame Town Council's Dispensations Policy is presented for review at the start of this administration to ensure good practice and accuracy.
5. Dispensations enable the Council to discuss business which would otherwise be precluded by Members having particular interests.
6. The policy document also includes a list of agreed "General Dispensations" that the Town Council has granted.
7. Members are welcome to make suggestions for changes.

Granted Dispensations

8. It is a legal restriction that any granted dispensations expire on a new administration and therefore where still relevant, now need to be renewed or removed:
 - (a) Thame Museum (& projects, including Thame Remembers) (granted / updated 2022) – Cllrs Bretherton, Cowell, Dite, Dodds, Dyer, Emery
 - (b) Moorend Lane Farm (granted 2017) – Cllr Cowell
 - (c) Thame Skate Park (granted 2015) – Cllr Cowell
 - (d) Thame Youth Projects Group (granted 20109) – Cllrs Cowell, Emery, Fickling
 - (e) Thame Shed (granted 2021) – Cllrs Dite & Wyse
9. If a Member seeks a new Dispensation, this should be done via the Town Clerk as per the policy.

Resource Appraisal

10. There are no resource implications attached to this report.

Risk Assessment

11. There are no risks arising from this report.

Legal Powers:

- Localism Act 2011

Recommendation

- i) The Dispensations Policy, and General Dispensations, be re-adopted by the Council.*
- ii) The Dispensations be reviewed and renewed where still relevant.*