

## DISPENSATION REQUEST FROM COUNCILLOR ALEX DALE

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**Subject:** LGR dispensation

Morning Sarah

As discussed yesterday, I would be really grateful if the council could consider a dispensation for me to enable me to vote on any final decision relating to local government reform.

This would be in line with the approach that Derbyshire County Council is taking for dual hatters so as not to unreasonably exclude any members from what is potentially one of the most important decisions we will make as members of each council.

I would also add that, while I accept that this is just the way that DPI's work, both authorities are evenly affected, in that both are essentially to be abolished in place of something new. The logical conclusion of a strict interpretation in relation to the DPIs would be that I wouldn't be able to vote at either authority because I am a member of the other, while single hatters are able to have their democratic say, despite the impact on them and their authority being essentially the same. I don't think this will have been the intention of the rules relating to DPIs when they were written, and I ask the Standards committee to look favourably on a dispensation to enable all members to have their say on this vitally important decision.

Many thanks

Alex

## DISPENSATION REQUEST FROM COUNCILLOR STEPHEN REED

I would like to declare an interest for the extra ordinary meeting of council on 3rd Nov and request a dispensation for the meeting.