

East Lindsey District Council

Not Confidential

Decision made by: Chief Executive

Date of decision: 11 January 2022

Title: DISPENSATION

Key Decision: N/A

Urgent Decision: Yes (Chief Executive's urgent decision powers)

DECISION:

That Councillors Julie Platt and Graham Williams are granted a dispensation for non-attendance at meetings until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2022.

Reason for the Decision:

To prevent Members becoming disqualified from office during a period when formal meetings are being disrupted due to the covid-19 pandemic and there being no legislation in place to hold virtual meetings.

Additional circumstances for the above named Members:-

- In some cases members are not appointed to any or many committees, so there are/have been limited opportunities for attendance.
- In some cases, informal virtual meetings have been attended – and whilst it is considered these would count, the delegated decision of the Chief Executive provides greater certainty.
- It is currently unclear when physical meetings will return.
- It would be unreasonable to allow members to lose their seats for non-attendance at a time when formal meetings are not taking place due to Covid-19.

Alternative options considered:

Not to award a dispensation.

Conflict of interest declared:

None.