

WOKEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION: PRECEPT & BUDGET SETTING

TO: The Clerk

FROM: Councillor Christopher Faulkner

DATE OF REQUEST: 25 January, 2026

1. THE MATTER FOR WHICH DISPENSATION IS SOUGHT

To participate in the preparation, discussion, and voting upon the **Annual Budget and the Council Tax Precept** for the financial year 2026/27, and for any subsequent years within the current four-year term of office.

2. THE NATURE OF THE INTEREST

I have a **Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI)** in this matter as I am a resident, property owner, or tenant within the Parish and am therefore liable to pay Council Tax. Under Section 31(4) of the Localism Act 2011, this interest would otherwise prohibit me from participating in setting the precept.

3. LEGAL GROUNDS FOR DISPENSATION

I request this dispensation under Section 33(2) of the Localism Act 2011 based on the following grounds:

- **Ground (a):** Without the dispensation, the number of persons prohibited from participating would be so great as to **impede the transaction of business** (i.e., the council would be inquorate).
- **Ground (c):** Granting the dispensation is in the **interests of persons living in the authority's area**, ensuring their elected representative can fulfill their duty of financial oversight.

4. SCOPE AND DURATION

Extents of Permission:

- To participate in any **discussion** of the matter.
- To participate in any **vote** taken on the matter.

Duration of Dispensation (Maximum 4 years):

