

WOKEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION: PRECEPT & BUDGET SETTING

TO: The Clerk

FROM: Councillor John Thompson

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):

- For the single meeting on 26th January 2026.
- For a fixed period ending on [Date, e.g., May 2027/2029].

5. DECLARATION

I confirm that I am not in council tax arrears of two months or more, as prohibited under Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992. I understand that I must declare the existence of this dispensation at the start of any relevant meeting.

Signature of Councillor: 

John Thompson

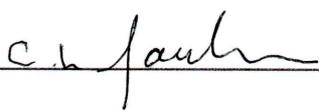
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Criteria	Decision
Dispensation Granted?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No

Decision Made By: Proper Officer / Council / Committee

Date of Decision: 26/1/2026

Expiry Date: 26/1/2030

Signed (~~Clerk~~/Chair): 

Guidance for Submission

- **Timing:** Submit this form to the Parish Clerk as soon as possible before the meeting; some councils require at least **2 to 5 clear working days**.
- **Transparency:** A copy of the granted dispensation will be kept with the **Register of Councillors' Interests**.