

1. Subject of decision

Exercise of delegated authority to grant dispensation to Councillors in relation to their registerable personal interests as Directors of the Newcastle International Airport Limited

Thematic Lead Area

Corporate issue

Delegation Reference (Refer to Meeting Minute Number or Delegation Scheme in the Constitution)

Minute 34: Delegation by the Governance Committee meeting on 27 February 2015.

This decision has been delegated to one or more officer(s) under:

(a) A specific express authorisation was given to the Monitoring Officer by the Governance Committee on 27 February 2015 to make dispensations in these circumstances.

(b) a general authorisation to take such decisions **and**, the effect of the decision is to:

(i) grant a permission or licence;

(ii) affect the rights of an individual; or

(iii) award a contract or incur expenditure which, in either case, materially affects the Authority's financial position.

2. Name and Title of Decision Maker

Peter Judge, Monitoring Officer

3. Details of any Conflict of Interest and any Dispensation granted in respect of such Interest

None.

4. Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to record the decision of the Monitoring Officer to grant dispensations under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011 to:

1. Councillor Simon Henig, Leader of Durham County Council
2. Councillor Iain Malcolm, Leader of South Tyneside Council

The dispensation will permit the Councillors to participate in decisions of the North East Combined Authority, notwithstanding their registerable personal interests as Directors of Newcastle International Airport Limited.

5. Decision(s)

5(a) The Monitoring Officer hereby grants dispensations for a period of two years to each of Councillors Henig and Malcolm. The dispensations will accordingly expire at midnight on 9 January 2020.

5(b) If Exempt or Confidential, please provide a reason:

'N/A'.

6. Alternative options considered

Not to grant the dispensation. This would create difficulties both politically and practically, given that the Leaders of all NECA Authorities are members of the NAIL Board and a failure to grant this dispensation would create a practical imbalance in the treatment of the Areas Leaders.

7. Reasons for the Decision(s)

The decision will:

- (1) In respect of the dispensations, support the proper functioning of Leadership Board and the authority's governance and respect for the statutory requirements.
- (2) Dispensation provides parity of participation of all Authority Leaders.

8. Contact Officer

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9. Date of Publication

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10. Date of Call-In Deadline

19 January 2018

11. Implementation Date

20 January 2018 (subject to there being no request for call-in received)