

**Decision Maker:** Council

**Date:** 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014

**Decision Type:** Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

**Title:** MEETING OF THE URGENCY COMMITTEE

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**Chief Officer:** Mark Bowen, Director of Corporate Services

**Ward:** N/A

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1. Reason for report

- 1.1 The Urgency Committee deals with urgent non-executive decisions that are not of a sensitive nature where otherwise a meeting of full Council would be required. The Constitution specifies that any decisions made by the Committee should be reported to the next available meeting of the full Council. The Urgency Committee met on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2014 to consider an application for a dispensation from Councillor Nicholas Bennett JP and the minutes of this meeting are attached for information as Appendix 1.
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2. RECOMMENDATION

That the decision made by the Urgency Committee at the meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2014 be noted.

### Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy:
  2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council
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### Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No Cost:
  2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable:
  3. Budget head/performance centre: Democratic Services
  4. Total current budget for this head: £373,410
  5. Source of funding: 2014/15 Revenue budget
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### Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): There are 10 posts (8.72 fte) in the Democratic Services Team
  2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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### Legal

1. Legal Requirement: None:
  2. Call-in: Not Applicable: The report does not involve an executive decision.
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### Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected):
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### Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? No
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: N/A

<b>Non-Applicable Sections:</b>	Policy/Financial/Legal/Personnel
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Agenda and minutes of the Urgency Committee meeting on 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2014

**URGENCY COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting held at 6.30pm on 15 July 2014

**Present:**

Councillors Eric Bosshard, David Livett and Tony Owen

**1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE MEETING**

Councillor Owen was appointed Chairman for the meeting.

**2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Carr, Dean and Wilkins.

**3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

**4 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12TH SEPTEMBER 2013**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2013 be confirmed as a correct record.

**5 APPLICATION FOR A DISPENSATION - COUNCILLOR  
NICHOLAS BENNETT JP  
Report RES14112**

Members considered a dispensation request from Councillor Nicholas Bennett JP to enable him to speak as a member of the public at the Plans 4 Sub-Committee meeting on 17 July 2014 on a planning application to extend his property at 18 Upper Park Road, Bromley.

The Director of Corporate Services clarified that changes made to the Localism Act 2011, made it necessary for Members to seek dispensation to enable them to address a Committee as a member of the public on any planning application in which they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.

Councillor Bosshard had previously been granted dispensation under similar circumstances and therefore supported the application. It was recommended that Councillor Bennett be permitted to address Members and answer questions, but should not take part in the subsequent discussion or vote.

**RESOLVED** that the application from Councillor Nicholas Bennett JP to be allowed to address the Plans 4 Sub-Committee on 17 July 2014 (and any subsequent meetings on the same case) and answer questions on his application for 18 Upper Park Road, Bromley be granted unconditionally.

The meeting ended at 6.31 pm

Chairman

