

Appendix 1: Letter of Request for Dispensation



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Dear Kevin

Localism Act - Granting of Dispensation

I would be grateful if you could arrange for the Standards and Governance Committee to consider the granting of a dispensation under S.33 Localism Act, to enable the Members of the Authority who are appointed as directors of 3S Fire Limited (Cllrs Carter, Price and myself) to participate in discussion and voting on items of business relating to the Company. We have been appointed to the Company because we hold relevant skills and experience, and I believe it is in the interests of the Authority to benefit from our input, and our knowledge of the company's actions and business plans, when discussing and determining matters of business at meetings of the Authority and its committees which also concern the Company.

It is appreciated, however, that there will be certain matters where it may not be appropriate for us to participate in discussion and voting, such as the making of contracts with, and any grant or loan to, the Company, and also any matter where, under the Company's Articles, the consent of the Authority must be sought. I would propose therefore that dispensation is granted subject to such restrictions.

I confirm that I have the agreement of both Cllrs Carter and Price to submit this request on behalf of all of us. I understand the dispensation may last for up to four years.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Royston Smith'.

Royston Smith
Chairman