



## Standards Board – 20 June 2012

### Dispensation Request by Oundle Town Council

**Purpose of report:** To consider a request for dispensation from Oundle Town Council to enable Town Councillors to debate and vote in matters relating to potential competition to weekly town and Farmers markets.

#### Attachment(s)

Appendix 1 - Request for dispensation letter from Oundle Town Council dispensation

#### 1.0 Introduction

1.1 A letter from the clerk of Oundle Town Council (Appendix 1) was received by the Monitoring Officer on 5 April 2012. It contained a request for dispensation to enable Town Councillors to debate and vote in matters relating to any supermarket or business applying for permission to locate and/or trade within Oundle, where such a business would form competition for the Farmers Market and Council-run weekly market.

#### 2.0 Equality and Diversity Implications

2.1 There are no equality and diversity implications arising from the proposal.

#### 3.0 Legal Implications

3.1 There are no legal implications arising from the proposal. However, it should be noted that the dispensation will only be relevant to the current Standards Regime and all current dispensations will have to be reviewed after the 1<sup>st</sup> July when the Localism Act amendments to the standards arrangements take effect. .

#### 4.0 Risk Management

4.1 There are no risk management implications arising from the proposal.

#### 5.0 Financial Implications

5.1 There are no financial implications arising from the proposal.

#### 6.0 Corporate Outcomes

6.1 The key corporate outcomes relevant to this report are Effective Partnership Working and Strong Community Leadership.

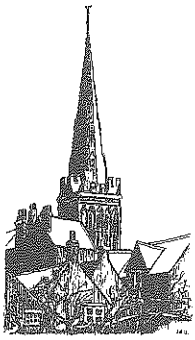
#### 7.0 Recommendation

7.1 Members are requested to make a decision on whether to grant Oundle Town Council dispensation to debate and vote on matters relating to potential competition to weekly town and Farmers markets.

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| <b>Background Papers:</b> None  |  |           |  |           |  |
| <b>Person Originating Report:</b> David Pope, Member Services Officer, 01832 742198, dpope@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk |  |           |  |           |  |
| <b>Date:</b> 8 June 2012  |  |           |  |           |  |
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5 April 2012

## Dispensation Request

Dear Sharn

Following our telephone conversation, I am writing to request dispensation to enable Town Councillors to debate and vote in matters relating to any supermarket or business applying for permission to locate and/or trade within the town when such business would be in competition with the Council run weekly and Farmers Market.

The elected Councillors are as follows:

Mr Don Campbell  
Mr David Chapple  
Mr Paul Davis  
Mr Paul Durman  
Mr Chris Elliot  
Mr Neil Fraser  
Mr David Fuller  
Mr George Higgins  
Mr Paul King  
Mr Neville Oakes  
Mr Mark Ormrod  
Mrs Gwen Radcliffe  
Mr Philip Rose  
Mrs June Round

Once approved, I would also appreciate your advising if a Personal Prejudicial Interest should still be declared when this matter is discussed with a note then being added to the minutes confirming that dispensation is held?

I look forward to hearing from you regarding this request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DR' with a checkmark at the end.

Debra Raper  
Clerk to the Council