



To: Ann Charlton

Monitoring Officer

Surrey County Council

20th March 2015

Dear Ann,

Request for a dispensation

I wish to request a dispensation in respect of a disclosable pecuniary interest that I have and which is registered in the Register of Members Interests.

The interest arises in relation to my wife's employment at George Abbot School.

I would like the dispensation to enable me to conduct business of the Council, that is to propose that £6,000 from cluster funding and £3000 from my Member's Allocation is given to George Abbot School in order to contribute to the construction of a new gymnasium (the total cost of which is expected to exceed £50,000) George Abbot is part of the Guildford Education Partnership of academies and is thus a state funded school.

I believe that my application meets the following criteria:

1. The granting of the dispensation is in the interests of people living in the council's or authority's area
2. The nature of my interest is such that allowing me to participate would not damage public confidence in the conduct of the authority's business

I believe that my connection to the school through my wife's employment as a teacher at the school would not damage public confidence in the conduct of the authority's business as any member's allocation made by me to the school would benefit the school and the children, not any personal or business interests of myself or my wife.

The granting of the dispensation would allow local children to benefit from improved facilities which meet a key corporate objective of providing children with the best start in life, including attention to their health and wellbeing. This dispensation would therefore meet the interests of people living in the authority's area.

I understand that you will arrange for my application to be placed on the next available meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee, which will consider the matter in public.

Yours sincerely,

Graham Ellwood
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County Councillor for Guildford East

Borough Councillor for Merrow

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