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REPORT TO:	STANDARDS COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 8A
DATE OF MEETING:	18 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2008	CATEGORY: DELEGATED
REPORT FROM:	MONITORING OFFICER	OPEN PARAGRAPH NO: N/A
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SUBJECT:	REQUEST FOR DISPENSATIONS – BARROW-ON-TRENT PARISH COUNCIL	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	

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#### **1.0 Reason for Urgency**

- 1.1 A decision is needed before the next Meeting of Barrow-on-Trent Parish Council early in the new year.

#### **2.0 Recommendation**

- 2.1 The Committee's instructions are requested.

#### **3.0 Purpose of Report**

- 3.1 To consider three requests for Barrow-on-Trent Parish Councillors for extensions to dispensations.

#### **4.0 Detail**

- 4.1 Members are reminded that on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2007, the Committee considered four requests received for dispensations under the Relevant Authorities (Standards Committee) (Dispensations) Regulations 2002 from Christine Barker, Anne Heathcote, Keith Slater and Ken Atkin, all Members of Barrow-on-Trent Parish Council. The requests related to a matter concerning the exhumation and reburial of William Henry Atkin and it was reported that as the Parish Council only had six Members, it was inquorate in considering the matter following the withdrawal of the aforementioned four Members. The Committee agreed that dispensations be granted to the four Parish Councillors to enable them to participate in decision-making on the matter concerned for a period of one year or upon the conclusion of the matter, whichever was the earlier.
- 4.2 Requests have now been received from Christine Barker, Anne Heathcote and Keith Slater for extensions to their dispensations and copies of their applications are attached at Annexe 'A'. A copy of the Committee report on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2004 on the procedure for dealing with dispensations is also attached at Annexe 'B'.

## **5.0 Corporate Implications**

- 5.1 Article 8.02 of the Council's Constitution provides that a role of the Standards Committee is to grant dispensations to Councillors and Co-opted Members from requirements relating to interests set out in the Members' Code of Conduct.

## **6.0 Community Implications**

- 6.1 The Council's Standards Committee plays a vital role in promoting and maintaining the highest standards of conduct by Councillors of South Derbyshire District Council and all the Parishes in its area.

## **7.0 Background Papers**

- 7.1 26 Nov 2007 Report to Standards Committee  
Dec 08 Applications for Dispensations