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## DISPENSATION

### ABERDEEN CITY REGION DEAL JOINT COMMITTEE & OPPORTUNITY NORTH EAST (ONE)

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The Standards Commission has decided to grant a specific dispensation under the Councillors' Code of Conduct to the elected members, and any substitute elected members, who have been appointed by either Aberdeen City Council or Aberdeenshire Council to be members or substitute members of the City Region Deal Joint Committee. This is so elected members and substitute elected members, as voting members of the City Region Deal Joint Committee, do not have to remove themselves from the debate and any voting when discussions on the City Region Deal, its projects and funding, and/or recommendations from the City Region Deal Joint Committee that comes before them at relevant Council meetings. The elected members and substitute elected members can participate in discussions and voting on such matters. Please note that elected members and substitute elected members would still be required to declare interests, in terms of Section 5 of the Code of Conduct. This dispensation does not apply to matters of a quasi-judicial or regulatory nature.

The Standards Commission also decided to grant a specific dispensation under the Councillors' Code of Conduct for the elected members and any substitute elected members who have been appointed by either Aberdeen City Council or Aberdeenshire Council to be directors or alternative directors of Opportunity North East (ONE). This is so elected members, as voting members of ONE, do not have to remove themselves from the debate and any voting when discussions on projects considered by or relating to ONE, its projects and funding and/or any discussions on the City Region Deal, its projects and funding, comes before them at relevant Council meetings. The elected members and substitute elected members can participate in discussions and voting on such matters. Elected members and substitute elected members would still be required to declare interests, in terms of Section 5 of the Code of Conduct. Again, this dispensation does not apply to matters of a quasi-judicial or regulatory nature.

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