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Dear Mr Judge

Application to the Governance Committee for a Dispensation

I am the Leader of Durham County Council (the "Council") and the Council's representative on the Leadership Board of the North East Combined Authority ("NECA"). I am also a Director of Newcastle International Airport Limited ("NIAL").

As a result of my role as a Director of NIAL, when the Leadership Board meets to consider an item of business that relates to the NIAL, I must declare my interest in that item and leave the meeting. This impacts on the proper operation of the NECA as my absence from the meeting, in the absence of my substitute member being available, may lead to the meeting being inquorate and, therefore, unable to proceed with that business.

I have been previously granted a dispensation under section 33(2)(c) and (e) of the Localism Act 2011 to enable me to remain in the meeting during the consideration of such an item of business. The dispensation has expired and I would like to apply for renewal.

I therefore request a dispensation under section 33(2)(c) and (e) of the Localism Act 2011 to enable me to remain in the meeting during the consideration of such an item of business. This will enable relevant business affecting the NIAL to proceed however, I am not seeking a dispensation to enable me to vote on such business to avoid assertions that any improper influence over a decision has arisen. The grant of a dispensation is appropriate and in the interests of persons living in the area of the NECA as it will enable the meeting to continue to progress the business referred for decision efficiently.

Yours sincerely

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