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FRIDAY, 8 MARCH 2019

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

I HEREBY SUMMON YOU TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE **STANDARDS COMMITTEE** WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE **CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, CARMARTHEN, AT 10.00 AM, ON FRIDAY, 15TH MARCH, 2019** FOR THE TRANSACTION OF THE BUSINESS OUTLINED ON THE ATTACHED AGENDA.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE



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STANDARDS COMMITTEE

MEMBERSHIP: 9 MEMBERS

Independent Members (5)

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| 1. | Mrs Mary Dodd | Vice-Chair of the Committee |
| 2. | Mrs Daphne Evans | |
| 3. | Mrs Julie James | |
| 4. | Mr M. Andre Morgan | Chair of the Committee |
| 5. | Mr Alun Williams | |

Community Committee Member (1)

1. **Town Councillor Philip Rogers**

Elected Members of the County Council (3)

1. **Councillor Jeanette Gilasbey**
2. **Councillor Rob James**
3. **Councillor Gareth Thomas**

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.
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STANDARDS COMMITTEE

28 JANUARY 2019

PRESENT: Mr M.A. Morgan (Chair)

Independent Members:

Mrs M. Dodd, Mrs D. Evans, Mrs J. James, and Mr A. Williams.

Community Member:

Town Councillor P. Rogers.

Councillors:

R. James, S.J.G. Gilasbey and G.B. Thomas.

The following Officers were in attendance:

R. E. Edgecombe, Legal Services Manager;
J. Owen, Democratic Services Officer

Chamber, County Hall, Carmarthen: 2:00pm - 4:00pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

There were no apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Councillor	Minute Number	Nature of Interest
S.J.G. Gilasbey	Item 4, 5 & 6 – Application for Dispensation by Councillor Jeanette Gilasbey.	She is the applicant.

3. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 7TH DECEMBER 2018

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 7th December, 2018 be signed as a correct record.

4. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR JEANETTE GILASBEY

[NOTE: Councillor Gilasbey, having earlier declared an interest in this item, left the Council Chamber prior to the consideration and determination thereof.]

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Jeanette Gilasbey of Carmarthenshire County Council and Kidwelly Community Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak in relation to matters regarding Kidwelly Industrial Museum and Trust.

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Gilasbey had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that she is a member of Kidwelly Industrial Museum and Trust.

Councillor Gilasbey's interest was also prejudicial as a member of the public, with full knowledge of the facts, would reasonably regard that interest as being so significant that it would be likely to prejudice the Councillor's judgement of the public interest.

Councillor Gilasbey had accordingly requested that a dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

The Committee noted that the dispensation to speak did NOT cover matters in respect of any regulatory application made by or on behalf of the Museum and/or Trust. This also includes planning or licensing applications.

The Legal Services Manger advised the Committee that in considering the application it should note that paragraphs 2 (d) and (h) were the most appropriate grounds should the Committee be minded to approve the request to speak only.

Following a discussion it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Jeanette Gilasbey to SPEAK only at meetings of Carmarthenshire County Council and Kidwelly Town Council in relation to matters regarding the Kidwelly Industrial Museum and Trust and that the dispensation be valid until 31st December 2020.

5. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR JEANETTE GILASBEY

[NOTE: Councillor Gilasbey, having earlier declared an interest in this item, was not present in the Council Chamber and therefore did not take part in the consideration and determination thereof.]

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Jeanette Gilasbey of Carmarthenshire County Council and Kidwelly Community Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak in relation to matters regarding Kidwelly Town RFC.

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Gilasbey had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that she is a member of Kidwelly Town RFC.

Councillor Gilasbey's interest was also prejudicial as a member of the public, with full knowledge of the facts, would reasonably regard that interest as being so significant that it would be likely to prejudice the Councillor's judgement of the public interest.

Councillor Gilasbey had accordingly requested that a dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

The Committee noted that the dispensation to speak did NOT cover matters in respect of any regulatory application made by or on behalf of the RFC. This also includes planning or licensing applications.

The Legal Services Manger advised the Committee that in considering the application it should note that paragraphs 2 (d) and (h) were the most appropriate grounds should the Committee be minded to approve the request to speak only.

Following a discussion it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Jeanette Gilasbey to SPEAK only at meetings of the Carmarthenshire County Council and Kidwelly Town Council in relation to matters regarding the Kidwelly Town RFC and that the dispensation be valid until 31st December 2020.

6. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR JEANETTE GILASBEY

[NOTE: Councillor Gilasbey, having earlier declared an interest in this item, was not present in the Council Chamber and therefore did not take part in the consideration and determination thereof.]

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Jeanette Gilasbey of Carmarthenshire County Council and Kidwelly Community Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak in relation to matters regarding Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Church in Kidwelly.

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Gilasbey had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that she is a member and trustee of the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Church in Kidwelly.

Councillor Gilasbey's interest was also prejudicial as a member of the public, with full knowledge of the facts, would reasonably regard that interest as being so significant that it would be likely to prejudice the Councillor's judgement of the public interest.

Councillor Gilasbey had accordingly requested that a dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

The Committee noted that the dispensation to speak did NOT cover matters in respect of any regulatory application made by or on behalf of the Church. This also includes planning or licensing applications.

The Legal Services Manger advised the Committee that in considering the application it should note that paragraphs 2 (d) and (h) were the most appropriate grounds should the Committee be minded to approve the request to speak only.

Following a discussion it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Jeanette Gilasbey to SPEAK only at meetings of the Carmarthenshire County Council and Kidwelly Town Council in relation to matters regarding the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Church in Kidwelly and that the dispensation be valid until 31st December 2020.

7. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR KEN LLOYD

[Note: Councillor R James joined the meeting].

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Ken Lloyd of Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak and make written representations in relation to matters regarding Amnesty International UK.

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Lloyd had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that he is a member of Amnesty International UK.

Councillor Lloyd's interest was also prejudicial as a member of the public, with full knowledge of the facts, would reasonably regard that interest as being so significant that it would be likely to prejudice the Councillor's judgement of the public interest.

Councillor Lloyd had accordingly requested that a dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

The Legal Services Manger advised the Committee that in considering the application it should note that paragraphs 2 (d) and (h) were the most appropriate grounds should the Committee be minded to approve the request to speak and make written representations.

Following a discussion it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Ken Lloyd to speak and make written representations at meetings of the Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council in relation to matters regarding Amnesty International UK and that the dispensation be valid until 31st December 2020.

8. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR KEN LLOYD

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Ken Lloyd of Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak and make written representations in relation to matters regarding Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA).

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Lloyd had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that he is a member of Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA).

Councillor Lloyd's interest was also prejudicial as a member of the public, with full knowledge of the facts, would reasonably regard that interest as being so significant that it would be likely to prejudice the Councillor's judgement of the public interest.

Councillor Lloyd had accordingly requested that a dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

The Legal Services Manger advised the Committee that in considering the application it should note that paragraphs 2 (d) and (h) were the most appropriate grounds should the Committee be minded to approve the request to speak and make written representations.

Following a discussion it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Ken Lloyd to speak and make written representations at meetings of the Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council in relation to matters regarding Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) and that the dispensation be valid until 31st December 2020.

9. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR KEN LLOYD

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Ken Lloyd of Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak and make written representations in relation to matters regarding Friends of Carmarthen Museum.

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Lloyd had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that he is a member of Friends of Carmarthen Museum.

Councillor Lloyd's interest was also prejudicial as a member of the public, with full knowledge of the facts, would reasonably regard that interest as being so significant that it would be likely to prejudice the Councillor's judgement of the public interest.

Councillor Lloyd had accordingly requested that a dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

The Legal Services Manger advised the Committee that in considering the application it should note that paragraphs 2 (d) and (h) were the most appropriate grounds should the Committee be minded to approve the request to speak and make written representations.

Following a discussion it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Ken Lloyd to speak and make written representations at meetings of the Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council in relation to matters regarding Friends of Carmarthen Museum and that the dispensation be valid until 31st December 2020.

10. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR KEN LLOYD

[Note: Councillor R. James departed the meeting].

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Ken Lloyd of Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak and make written representations in relation to matters regarding Friends of Carmarthen Archives.

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Lloyd had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that he is a member of Friends of Carmarthen Archives.

Councillor Lloyd's interest was also prejudicial as a member of the public, with full knowledge of the facts, would reasonably regard that interest as being so significant that it would be likely to prejudice the Councillor's judgement of the public interest.

Councillor Lloyd had accordingly requested that a dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

The Legal Services Manger advised the Committee that in considering the application it should note that paragraphs 2 (d) and (h) were the most appropriate grounds should the Committee be minded to approve the request to speak and make written representations.

Following a discussion it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Ken Lloyd to speak and make written representations at meetings of the Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council in relation to matters regarding Friends of Carmarthen Archives and that the dispensation be valid until 31st December 2020.

11. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR KEN LLOYD

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Ken Lloyd of Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak and make written representations in relation to matters regarding Cwlwm Munduli.

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Lloyd had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that he is a member and trustee of Cwlwm Munduli.

Councillor Lloyd's interest was also prejudicial as a member of the public, with full knowledge of the facts, would reasonably regard that interest as being so significant that it would be likely to prejudice the Councillor's judgement of the public interest.

Councillor Lloyd had accordingly requested that a dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

The Legal Services Manger advised the Committee that in considering the application it should note that paragraphs 2 (d) and (h) were the most appropriate grounds should the Committee be minded to approve the request to speak and make written representations.

Following a discussion it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Ken Lloyd to speak and make written representations at meetings of the Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council in relation to matters regarding Cwlwm Munduli and that the dispensation be valid until 31st December 2020.

12. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR KEN LLOYD

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Ken Lloyd of Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak and make written representations in relation to matters regarding Heart of Wales Line Travellers Association (HOWLTA).

The Legal Services Manager highlighted to the Committee that Councillor Lloyd was also a member of the Planning Committee. In light of this, the Committee requested that it would be useful that this information is included on future reports.

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Lloyd had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that he is a member of Heart of Wales Line Travellers Association (HOWLTA).

Councillor Lloyd's interest was also prejudicial as a member of the public, with full knowledge of the facts, would reasonably regard that interest as being so significant that it would be likely to prejudice the Councillor's judgement of the public interest.

Councillor Lloyd had accordingly requested that a dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

The Legal Services Manager advised the Committee that in considering the application it should note that paragraphs 2 (d) and (h) were the most appropriate grounds should the Committee be minded to approve the request to speak and make written representations.

Following a discussion it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Ken Lloyd to speak and make written representations at meetings of the Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council in relation to matters regarding the Heart of Wales Line Travellers Association (HOWLTA) and that the dispensation be valid until 31st December 2020.

13. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR KEN LLOYD

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Ken Lloyd of Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak and make written representations in relation to matters regarding charity MIND.

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Lloyd had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that he is a member of the charity MIND.

Councillor Lloyd's interest was also prejudicial as a member of the public, with full knowledge of the facts, would reasonably regard that interest as being so significant that it would be likely to prejudice the Councillor's judgement of the public interest.

Councillor Lloyd had accordingly requested that a dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

The Legal Services Manger advised the Committee that in considering the application it should note that paragraphs 2 (d) and (h) were the most appropriate grounds should the Committee be minded to approve the request to speak and make written representations.

Following a discussion it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Ken Lloyd to speak and make written representations at meetings of the Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council in relation to matters regarding the charity MIND and that the dispensation be valid until 31st December 2020.

14. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR KEN LLOYD

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Ken Lloyd of Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak and make written representations in relation to matters regarding the Nicaraguan Solidarity Campaign (NSC).

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Lloyd had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that he is a member of the Nicaraguan Solidarity Campaign (NSC)..

Councillor Lloyd's interest was also prejudicial as a member of the public, with full knowledge of the facts, would reasonably regard that interest as being so significant that it would be likely to prejudice the Councillor's judgement of the public interest.

Councillor Lloyd had accordingly requested that a dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

The Legal Services Manger advised the Committee that in considering the application it should note that paragraphs 2 (d) and (h) were the most appropriate grounds should the Committee be minded to approve the request to speak and make written representations.

Following a discussion it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Ken Lloyd to speak and make written representations at meetings of the Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council in relation to matters regarding the Nicaraguan Solidarity Campaign (NSC) and that the dispensation be valid until 31st December 2020.

15. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR KEN LLOYD

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Ken Lloyd of Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak and make written representations in relation to matters regarding the Shared Lives Scheme

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Lloyd had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that he as close personal associates of persons who are carers in the Shared Lives Scheme.

Councillor Lloyd's interest was also prejudicial as a member of the public, with full knowledge of the facts, would reasonably regard that interest as being so significant that it would be likely to prejudice the Councillor's judgement of the public interest.

Councillor Lloyd had accordingly requested that a dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

The Legal Services Manger advised the Committee that in considering the application it should note that paragraphs 2 (d) and (h) were the most appropriate grounds should the Committee be minded to approve the request to speak and make written representations.

Following a discussion it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Ken Lloyd to speak and make written representations at meetings of the Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council in relation to matters regarding the Shared Lives Scheme and that the dispensation be valid until 31st December 2020.

16. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR KEN LLOYD

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Ken Lloyd of Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak and make written representations in relation to matters regarding UNISON.

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Lloyd had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that he is a member of UNISON.

Councillor Lloyd's interest was also prejudicial as a member of the public, with full knowledge of the facts, would reasonably regard that interest as being so significant that it would be likely to prejudice the Councillor's judgement of the public interest.

Councillor Lloyd had accordingly requested that a dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

The Legal Services Manager advised the Committee that in considering the application it should note that paragraphs 2 (d) and (h) were the most appropriate grounds should the Committee be minded to approve the request to speak and make written representations.

Following a discussion it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Ken Lloyd to speak and make written representations at meetings of the Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council in relation to matters regarding UNISON and that the dispensation be valid until 31st December 2020.

17. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR OWEN ALEXANDER MARMION WILLIAMS

The Legal Services Manager, stated that it may be beneficial for Committee Members to be provided with a list of County Councillor's interests as part of the report. Members agreed that this information as part of the report would be beneficial in that it would enable them to make a more informed decision.

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Williams of Manordeilo and Salem Community Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak and make written representations in relation to matters regarding Carmarthen County Council's revised Local Development Plan (LDP).

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Williams had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that any Councils discussions on the LDP was likely to affect Councillor Williams' family home.

Councillor William's interest was also prejudicial as a member of the public, with full knowledge of the facts, would reasonably regard that interest as being so significant that it would be likely to prejudice the Councillor's judgement of the public interest.

Councillor William had accordingly requested that a dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

Following a discussion it was

RESOLVED that the application submitted by Councillor Owen Alexander Marmion Williams for dispensation to speak and make written representations at meetings of Manordeilo and Salem Community Council in respect of matters relating to the Carmarthen County Council's revised Local Development Plan (LDP) be refused.

18. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR WILLIAM CHARLES LOYNTON

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Loynton of Manordeilo and Salem Community Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak and make written representations in relation to matters regarding Carmarthen County Council's revised Local Development Plan (LDP).

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Loynton had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that he owns land which is likely to be affected by the revised LDP due to a common boundary.

Councillor Loynton's interest was also prejudicial as a member of the public, with full knowledge of the facts, would reasonably regard that interest as being so significant that it would be likely to prejudice the Councillor's judgement of the public interest.

Councillor Loynton had accordingly requested that a dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

Following a discussion it was

RESOLVED that the application submitted by Councillor William Charles Loynton for dispensation to speak and make written representations at meetings of Manordeilo and Salem Community Council in respect of matters relating to the Carmarthen County Council's revised Local Development Plan (LDP) be refused.

19. ANY OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

The Legal Services Manager advised members in relation to their travelling allowances claim.

CHAIR

DATE

STANDARDS COMMITTEE 15/03/19

APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLORS JEAN LEWIS, HAZEL EVANS, JOSEPH DAVIES, ALUN LENNY, KIM BROOM, ANDREW JAMES, ARWEL DAVIES, ANN DAVIES, EIRWYN WILLIAMS, MANSEL CHARLES, TYSSUL EVANS, KEN HOWELL, GARETH THOMAS and CEFIN CAMPBELL

Recommendations / key decisions required:

To consider and determine the application

Reasons:

The subject matter of this report falls within the remit of the Committee

Scrutiny Committee recommendations / comments:

Not applicable

Exec Board Decision Required NO

Council Decision Required NO

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- Cllr E Dole (Leader)

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
STANDARDS COMMITTEE
15/03/19**

APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLORS JEAN LEWIS, HAZEL EVANS, JOSEPH DAVIES, ALUN LENNY, KIM BROOM, ANDREW JAMES, ARWEL DAVIES, ANN DAVIES, EIRWYN WILLIAMS, MANSEL CHARLES, TYSSUL EVANS, KEN HOWELL, GARETH THOMAS and CEFIN CAMPBELL

Applications for dispensation have been received from fourteen County Councillors to speak and make written representations in respect of farming and farming related matters.

All the councillors either own agricultural land, engage in farming related activities or have close personal associates who do. As such they would have a personal interest in any farming related council business by virtue of paragraph 10(2) of the Members code of conduct.

Those interests are also prejudicial as a member of the public would reasonably regard those interests as so significant as to prejudice the councillor's judgement of the wider public interest.

The applications are all made on the same to grounds namely;

- That their participation would not damage public confidence
- That their participation is justified by their particular role or expertise

The committee has previously granted dispensations in respect of farming related interests to members of the Council on 12/11/2018, 28/09/2017, 03/06/2016, 03/12/2015 and 29/07/2015.

On the 14th November 2018 all fourteen councillors utilised dispensations previously granted to them by the Standards Committee (or by the Monitoring Officer under delegated authority from the committee) to speak upon a Notice on Motion put before full council in respect of a farming related issue.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: *Linda Rees Jones* Head of Administration and Law

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities NONE	Legal NONE	Finance NONE	ICT NONE	Risk Management Issues NONE	Staffing Implications NONE	Physical Assets NONE
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CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: *Linda Rees Jones* Head of Administration and Law

1. **Scrutiny Committee** Not applicable
2. **Local Member(s)** Not applicable
3. **Community / Town Council** Not applicable
4. **Relevant Partners** Not applicable
5. **Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations** *Not applicable*

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Legal file	DPSC-168	Legal Services, County Hall

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**APPLICATION TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE
FOR DISPENSATION**

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Guidance Notes when completing the form.

1. YOUR DETAILS

Your full name:
Councillor JEAN LEWIS

Name of your Council: CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Your address and postcode: c/o County Hall, Carmarthen, SA31 1JP

Contact telephone number(s):

Email address:

2. DETAILS OF YOUR INTEREST

What is the matter under consideration?

Any matter relating to or likely to affect farms or farming in the County of Carmarthenshire

What is your interest in the above matter?

I am the owner of farm land and actively engaged in the family farming business

When will the above matter be considered?

At any other time during my term of office

Are you applying for dispensation to:

Speak only: x

Speak and vote:

Make written
Representations x

Exercise Executive
Powers

3. GROUNDS FOR DISPENSATION

Regulations issued by the National Assembly for Wales prescribe the circumstances in which the Standards Committee may grant a dispensation. These grounds for granting a dispensation are summarised below and are set out in full in the attached guidance notes. On which of the following grounds do you believe that a dispensation should be granted in this case? Please tick the appropriate box(es).

• at least half of the members considering the business has an interest	<input type="checkbox"/>
• my inability to participate would upset the political balance of the meeting to such an extent that the outcome would be likely to be affected;	<input type="checkbox"/>
• my participation would not damage public confidence	x <input type="checkbox"/>
• the interest is common to me and a significant proportion of the general public;	<input type="checkbox"/>
• my participation in the business is justified by my particular role or expertise;	x <input type="checkbox"/>
• the business is to be considered by an overview and scrutiny committee and my interest is not a pecuniary interest;	<input type="checkbox"/>
• the business relates to the finances or property of a voluntary organisation of whose management committee or board I am a member and I have no other interest	<input type="checkbox"/>
• it is appropriate to do so in all the circumstances where not otherwise possible to make reasonable adjustments to accommodate a person's disability	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF YOUR APPLICATION

Please set out below the reasons why you consider that the Standards Committee should grant a dispensation in this case:

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Councillor Lewis is the owner of agricultural land and actively engaged in the running of the family's farming business

Agriculture makes up an important part of the economy of the County and members of the public working in the industry, or whose families are directly connected with the industry, make up a significant part of the population of many parts of Carmarthenshire.

Many of the functions of the Council relate to or directly affect the farming industry. Decisions taken by elected members relating to farming matters can have a significant impact not just upon individual farms, but also upon the wider agricultural sector and the communities that they are a key part of.

If Councillors who have a personal and prejudicial interest in farming related decisions are unable to speak, not only would farming communities in the County be denied democratic representation when such decisions are made but also those Councillors who do not have such an interest would be denied the benefit of their expert knowledge.

Public confidence in the conduct of the Council's business would not be damaged by allowing these Councillors to speak in any debate or make written representations on farming related matters.

A number of councillors have previously been granted dispensation in respect of these interests, including Cllr Evans

(please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

I confirm that the information provided on this form is true to the best of my knowledge. I agree that this application and all the information contained within it may form part of a public report to the Standards Committee. I request a dispensation in respect of the above matter.

Signed: *Jean Lewis*

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Guidance notes

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13	Council business which is being considered by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee and which relates to a decision of the Cabinet or another Committee of which you were a member at the time [County Council only]	

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- no fewer than half of the members of a leader and cabinet executive of the relevant authority by which the business is to be considered has an interest which relates to that business and either paragraph (d) or (e) also applies;
- in the case of a county or county borough council, the inability of the member to participate would upset the political balance of the relevant authority or of the committee of the authority by which the business is to be considered to such an extent that the outcome would be likely to be affected;
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**APPLICATION TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE
FOR DISPENSATION**

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1. YOUR DETAILS

Your full name:
Councillor Hazel Evans

Name of your Council: CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Your address and postcode: c/o County Hall, Carmarthen, SA31 1JP

Contact telephone number(s):

Email address:

2. DETAILS OF YOUR INTEREST

What is the matter under consideration?

Any matter relating to or likely to affect farms or farming in the County of Carmarthenshire

What is your interest in the above matter?

My Brother in Law is a farmer

When will the above matter be considered?

At any time during my term of office

Are you applying for dispensation to:

Speak only: x

Speak and vote:

Make written
Representations x

Exercise Executive
Powers

3. GROUNDS FOR DISPENSATION

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• at least half of the members considering the business has an interest	<input type="checkbox"/>
• my inability to participate would upset the political balance of the meeting to such an extent that the outcome would be likely to be affected;	<input type="checkbox"/>
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4. INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF YOUR APPLICATION

Please set out below the reasons why you consider that the Standards Committee should grant a dispensation in this case:

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Councillor Evans has direct links to farming in the county as her brother in law is a farmer

Agriculture makes up an important part of the economy of the County and members of the public working in the industry, or whose families are directly connected with the industry, make up a significant part of the population of many parts of Carmarthenshire.

Many of the functions of the Council relate to or directly affect the farming industry. Decisions taken by elected members relating to farming matters can have a significant impact not just upon individual farms, but also upon the wider agricultural sector and the communities that they are a key part of.

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(please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

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Signed: *Hazel Evans*

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- (d) the nature of the member's interest is such that the member's participation in the business to which the interest relates would not damage public confidence in the conduct of the relevant authority's business;
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1. YOUR DETAILS

Your full name:
Councillor JOSEPH DAVIES

Name of your Council: CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Your address and postcode: c/o County Hall, Carmarthen, SA31 1JP

Contact telephone number(s):

Email address:

2. DETAILS OF YOUR INTEREST

What is the matter under consideration?

Any matter relating to or likely to affect farms or farming in the County of Carmarthenshire

What is your interest in the above matter?

I am the owner of working farm land and engage in farming activities

When will the above matter be considered?

At any time during my term of office

Are you applying for dispensation to:

Speak only: x

Speak and vote:

Make written
Representations x

Exercise Executive
Powers

3. GROUNDS FOR DISPENSATION

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4. INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF YOUR APPLICATION

Please set out below the reasons why you consider that the Standards Committee should grant a dispensation in this case:

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Councillor Davies is the owner of a working farm and has considerable direct knowledge and experience of the issues affecting farming and those working in the industry.

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(please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

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Signed: *Joseph Davies*

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**APPLICATION TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE
FOR DISPENSATION**

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1. YOUR DETAILS

Your full name:
Councillor Alun Lenny

Name of your Council: CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Your address and postcode: c/o County Hall, Carmarthen, SA31 1JP

Contact telephone number(s):

Email address:

2. DETAILS OF YOUR INTEREST

What is the matter under consideration?

Any matter relating to or likely to affect farms or farming in the County of Carmarthenshire

What is your interest in the above matter?

My mother is the owner of agricultural land which is rented out to a working farmer.

When will the above matter be considered?

At any time during my term of office

Are you applying for dispensation to:

Speak only: x

Speak and vote:

Make written
Representations x

Exercise Executive
Powers

3. GROUNDS FOR DISPENSATION

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4. INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF YOUR APPLICATION

Please set out below the reasons why you consider that the Standards Committee should grant a dispensation in this case:

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Councillor Lenny has family connections with the farming industry in particular his mother owns agricultural land which is rented out to a farmer

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A number of councillors have previously been granted dispensation in respect of these interests, including Cllr Lenny.

(please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

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Signed: *Alun Lenny*

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FOR DISPENSATION**

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1. YOUR DETAILS

Your full name:
Councillor KIM BROOM

Name of your Council: CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Your address and postcode: c/o County Hall, Carmarthen, SA31 1JP

Contact telephone number(s):

Email address:

2. DETAILS OF YOUR INTEREST

What is the matter under consideration?

Any matter relating to or likely to affect farms or farming in the County of Carmarthenshire

What is your interest in the above matter?

I am the owner of a small holding and engage in farming activities

When will the above matter be considered?

At any time during my term of office

Are you applying for dispensation to:

Speak only: x

Speak and vote:

Make written
Representations x

Exercise Executive
Powers

3. GROUNDS FOR DISPENSATION

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4. INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF YOUR APPLICATION

Please set out below the reasons why you consider that the Standards Committee should grant a dispensation in this case:

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Councillor Broom is the owner of a smallholding and engages in farming activities. As such she has direct knowledge and experience of the issues affecting farming and in particular the importance of single farm payments.

Agriculture makes up an important part of the economy of the County and members of the public working in the industry, or whose families are directly connected with the industry, make up a significant part of the population of many parts of Carmarthenshire.

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Signed: *Kim Broom*

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**APPLICATION TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE
FOR DISPENSATION**

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Guidance Notes when completing the form.

1. YOUR DETAILS

Your full name:
Councillor ANDREW JAMES

Name of your Council: CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Your address and postcode: c/o County Hall, Carmarthen, SA31 1JP

Contact telephone number(s):

Email address:

2. DETAILS OF YOUR INTEREST

What is the matter under consideration?

Any matter relating to or likely to affect farms or farming in the County of Carmarthenshire

What is your interest in the above matter?

I am the owner of working farm land and engage in farming activities

When will the above matter be considered?

At any other time during my term of office

Are you applying for dispensation to:

Speak only: x

Speak and vote:

Make written
Representations x

Exercise Executive
Powers

3. GROUNDS FOR DISPENSATION

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4. INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF YOUR APPLICATION

Please set out below the reasons why you consider that the Standards Committee should grant a dispensation in this case:

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Councillor James is a farmer and the owner of agricultural land and has considerable direct knowledge and experience of the issues affecting farming and those working in the industry.

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Signed: *Andrew James*

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FOR DISPENSATION**

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1. YOUR DETAILS

Your full name:
Councillor ARWEL DAVIES

Name of your Council: CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Your address and postcode: c/o County Hall, Carmarthen, SA31 1JP

Contact telephone number(s):

Email address:

2. DETAILS OF YOUR INTEREST

What is the matter under consideration?

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What is your interest in the above matter?

I am the owner of farm land and am a working farmer

When will the above matter be considered?

At any other time during my term of office

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Speak only: x

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Powers

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Signed: *Arwel Davies*

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1. YOUR DETAILS

Your full name:
Councillor ANN DAVIES

Name of your Council: CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Your address and postcode: c/o County Hall, Carmarthen, SA31 1JP

Contact telephone number(s):

Email address:

2. DETAILS OF YOUR INTEREST

What is the matter under consideration?

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What is your interest in the above matter?

I am the owner of farm land and am a working farmer

When will the above matter be considered?

At any other time during my term of office

Are you applying for dispensation to:

Speak only: x

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Signed: *Ann Davies*

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1. YOUR DETAILS

Your full name:
Councillor Eirwyn Williams

Name of your Council: CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Your address and postcode: c/o County Hall, Carmarthen, SA31 1JP

Contact telephone number(s):

Email address:

2. DETAILS OF YOUR INTEREST

What is the matter under consideration?

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What is your interest in the above matter?

I am the owner of farm land and actively engaged in farming activities

When will the above matter be considered?

At any other time during my term of office

Are you applying for dispensation to:

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Councillor Williams is the owner of agricultural land and is actively engaged in farming activities

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Signed: *Eirwyn Williams*

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1. YOUR DETAILS

Your full name:
Councillor MANSEL CHARLES

Name of your Council: CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Your address and postcode: c/o County Hall, Carmarthen, SA31 1JP

Contact telephone number(s):

Email address:

2. DETAILS OF YOUR INTEREST

What is the matter under consideration?

Any matter relating to or likely to affect farms or farming in the County of Carmarthenshire

What is your interest in the above matter?

I am the owner of farm land and am a working farmer

When will the above matter be considered?

At any other time during my term of office

Are you applying for dispensation to:

Speak only: x

Speak and vote:

Make written
Representations x

Exercise Executive
Powers

3. GROUNDS FOR DISPENSATION

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• at least half of the members considering the business has an interest	<input type="checkbox"/>
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• my participation would not damage public confidence	x <input type="checkbox"/>
• the interest is common to me and a significant proportion of the general public;	<input type="checkbox"/>
• my participation in the business is justified by my particular role or expertise;	x <input type="checkbox"/>
• the business is to be considered by an overview and scrutiny committee and my interest is not a pecuniary interest;	<input type="checkbox"/>
• the business relates to the finances or property of a voluntary organisation of whose management committee or board I am a member and I have no other interest	<input type="checkbox"/>
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4. INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF YOUR APPLICATION

Please set out below the reasons why you consider that the Standards Committee should grant a dispensation in this case:

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Councillor Charles is a working farmer and the owner of agricultural land.

Agriculture makes up an important part of the economy of the County and members of the public working in the industry, or whose families are directly connected with the industry, make up a significant part of the population of many parts of Carmarthenshire.

Many of the functions of the Council relate to or directly affect the farming industry. Decisions taken by elected members relating to farming matters can have a significant impact not just upon individual farms, but also upon the wider agricultural sector and the communities that they are a key part of.

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A number of councillors have previously been granted dispensation in respect of these interests, including Cllr Charles

(please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

I confirm that the information provided on this form is true to the best of my knowledge. I agree that this application and all the information contained within it may form part of a public report to the Standards Committee. I request a dispensation in respect of the above matter.

Signed: *Mansel Charles*

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Guidance notes

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10(2)(c)	Council business which affects your well-being or financial position, or the well-being, financial position or other interests of a person with whom you live or have a close personal association
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- (2) The Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations)(Wales) Regulations 2001(as amended) state that a Standards Committee may grant dispensations where:

- no fewer than half of the members of the relevant authority or of a committee of the authority (as the case may be) by which the business is to be considered has an interest which relates to that business;
- no fewer than half of the members of a leader and cabinet executive of the relevant authority by which the business is to be considered has an interest which relates to that business and either paragraph (d) or (e) also applies;
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- the interest is common to the member and a significant proportion of the general public;

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- (g) the business to which the interest relates is to be considered by an overview and scrutiny committee of the relevant authority and the member's interest is not a pecuniary interest;
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**APPLICATION TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE
FOR DISPENSATION**

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1. YOUR DETAILS

Your full name:
Councillor TYSSUL EVANS

Name of your Council: CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Your address and postcode: c/o County Hall, Carmarthen, SA31 1JP

Contact telephone number(s):

Email address:

2. DETAILS OF YOUR INTEREST

What is the matter under consideration?

Any matter relating to or likely to affect farms or farming in the County of Carmarthenshire

What is your interest in the above matter?

I am the owner of farm land

When will the above matter be considered?

At any other time during my term of office

Are you applying for dispensation to:

Speak only: x

Speak and vote:

Make written
Representations x

Exercise Executive
Powers

3. GROUNDS FOR DISPENSATION

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4. INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF YOUR APPLICATION

Please set out below the reasons why you consider that the Standards Committee should grant a dispensation in this case:

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Councillor Evans is the owner of agricultural land.

Agriculture makes up an important part of the economy of the County and members of the public working in the industry, or whose families are directly connected with the industry, make up a significant part of the population of many parts of Carmarthenshire.

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A number of councillors have previously been granted dispensation in respect of these interests, including Cllr Evans

(please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

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Signed: *Tyssul Evans*

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**APPLICATION TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE
FOR DISPENSATION**

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1. YOUR DETAILS

Your full name:
Councillor KEN HOWELL

Name of your Council: CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Your address and postcode: c/o County Hall, Carmarthen, SA31 1JP

Contact telephone number(s):

Email address:

2. DETAILS OF YOUR INTEREST

What is the matter under consideration?

Any matter relating to or likely to affect farms or farming in the County of Carmarthenshire

What is your interest in the above matter?

I am the owner of farm land

When will the above matter be considered?

At any other time during my term of office

Are you applying for dispensation to:

Speak only: x

Speak and vote:

Make written
Representations x

Exercise Executive
Powers

3. GROUNDS FOR DISPENSATION

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4. INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF YOUR APPLICATION

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Councillor Howell is the owner of agricultural land.

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(please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

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Signed: *Ken Howell*

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**APPLICATION TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE
FOR DISPENSATION**

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1. YOUR DETAILS

Your full name:
Councillor GARETH THOMAS

Name of your Council: CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Your address and postcode: c/o County Hall, Carmarthen, SA31 1JP

Contact telephone number(s):

Email address:

2. DETAILS OF YOUR INTEREST

What is the matter under consideration?

Any matter relating to or likely to affect farms or farming in the County of Carmarthenshire

What is your interest in the above matter?

I am the owner of farm land and work full time as a farmer

When will the above matter be considered?

At any other time during my term of office

Are you applying for dispensation to:

Speak only: x

Speak and vote:

Make written
Representations x

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Powers

3. GROUNDS FOR DISPENSATION

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4. INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF YOUR APPLICATION

Please set out below the reasons why you consider that the Standards Committee should grant a dispensation in this case:

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Councillor Thomas is the owner of agricultural land and works full time as a farmer

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(please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

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Signed: *Gareth Thomas*

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**APPLICATION TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE
FOR DISPENSATION**

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1. YOUR DETAILS

Your full name:
Councillor CEFIN CAMPBELL

Name of your Council: CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Your address and postcode: c/o County Hall, Carmarthen, SA31 1JP

Contact telephone number(s):

Email address:

2. DETAILS OF YOUR INTEREST

What is the matter under consideration?

Any matter relating to or likely to affect farms or farming in the County of Carmarthenshire

What is your interest in the above matter?

I am the owner of farm land and engage in farming activities

When will the above matter be considered?

At any other time during my term of office

Are you applying for dispensation to:

Speak only: x

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Councillor Campbell is the owner of agricultural land and engages in farming activities.

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A number of councillors have previously been granted dispensation in respect of these interests, including Cllr Campbell

(please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

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Signed: *Cefin Campbell*

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- (2) The Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations)(Wales) Regulations 2001(as amended) state that a Standards Committee may grant dispensations where:

- no fewer than half of the members of the relevant authority or of a committee of the authority (as the case may be) by which the business is to be considered has an interest which relates to that business;
- no fewer than half of the members of a leader and cabinet executive of the relevant authority by which the business is to be considered has an interest which relates to that business and either paragraph (d) or (e) also applies;
- in the case of a county or county borough council, the inability of the member to participate would upset the political balance of the relevant authority or of the committee of the authority by which the business is to be considered to such an extent that the outcome would be likely to be affected;
- the nature of the member's interest is such that the member's participation in the business to which the interest relates would not damage public confidence in the conduct of the relevant authority's business;
- the interest is common to the member and a significant proportion of the general public;

- (f) the participation of the member in the business to which the interest relates is justified by the member's particular role or expertise;
- (g) the business to which the interest relates is to be considered by an overview and scrutiny committee of the relevant authority and the member's interest is not a pecuniary interest;
- (h) the business which is to be considered relates to the finances or property of a voluntary organisation of whose management committee or board the member is a member otherwise than as a representative of the relevant authority and the member has no other interest in that business provided that any dispensation shall not extend to participation in any vote with respect to that business; or
- (i) it appears to the committee to be in the interests of the inhabitants of the area of the relevant authority that the disability should be removed provided that written notification of the grant of the dispensation is given to the National Assembly for Wales within seven days in such manner as it may specify.
- (j) It is considered appropriate in all the circumstances to do so where not otherwise possible to make reasonable adjustments to accommodate a persons disability

STANDARDS COMMITTEE 15/03/19

CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING 2019

Recommendations / key decisions required:

To consider the report

Reasons:

The subject matter of this report falls within the remit of the Committee

Scrutiny Committee recommendations / comments:

Not applicable

Exec Board Decision Required NO

Council Decision Required NO

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- Cllr E Dole (Leader)

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
STANDARDS COMMITTEE
15/03/19**

CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING 2019

Article 9 of the Council's constitution provides that one of the roles of the Standards Committee is to arrange training for Town & Community Councillors in respect of the Members Code of Conduct. In recent years the committee has fulfilled this duty by organising annual training events in County Hall.

These events have proven to be highly successful with around 100 delegates attending annually. Copies of the training presentation and any supporting documents are also supplied to all Town & Community Councils for dissemination to those councillors who have been unable to attend the training sessions.

A revised training presentation has been prepared for 2019 (copy attached). The changes are;

1. The inclusion of a section on the Nolan Principles
2. A completely new set of case studies
3. Slight changes to the sections on personal interests and dispensations.

At its meeting in December 2018 the committee expressed concern that, based upon the available data, less than 50% of Town and Community Councillors had received code training in the last 5 years. The committee therefore requested that proposals be brought forward aimed at significantly increasing the number of individual councillors who receive such training. The attached note sets out the available options. In summary however, they include;

1. Continuing the current arrangements (but possibly increasing the number of sessions)
2. Delivering the training to each Council separately
3. Arranging 'regional' sessions around the County with groups of Councils being trained together
4. Webcasting the training sessions and making it available online
5. Developing an e-learning module for individual Councillors to access

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

NO

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

SIGNED: *Linda Rees Jones*

Head of Administration and Law

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities NONE	Legal NONE	Finance NONE	ICT NONE	Risk Management Issues NONE	Staffing Implications NONE	Physical Assets NONE
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CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: *Linda Rees Jones*

Head of Administration and Law

1. **Scrutiny Committee** Not applicable
2. **Local Member(s)** Not applicable
3. **Community / Town Council** Not applicable
4. **Relevant Partners** Not applicable
5. **Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations** *Not applicable*

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CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING 2019

RHAGLEN PROGRAMME

Rhagarweiniad

Pryd mae'r côd yn Gymwys

Dyletswyddau Cyffredinol

Buddiannau Personol

Buddiannau Rhagfarnol

Buddiannau Eithriedig

Gollyngiadau

Gorfodaeth

Ble gallwch gael cyngor

Casgliad

Cwestiynau

Introduction

The Nolan Principles

When the Code Applies

General Duties

Personal Interests

Prejudicial Interests

Exempt Interests

Dispensations

Enforcement

Where to seek advice

Conclusion

Questions

RHAGARWEINIAD INTRODUCTION

**Code based upon the Nolan
Principles for conduct in
public life**

**Each Council must adopt
its own code based on
the WAG model. Last
revised – summer 2016**

**Standards Committee – 9
members. 3 County
Councillors, 1
Community Councillor
and 5 co-opted
independent members.**

The Nolan Principles

- Committee on Standards in Public Life – 7 principles
- **Selflessness**
- **Integrity**
- **Objectivity**
- **Accountability**
- **Openness**
- **Honesty**
- **Leadership**

**PRYD MAE'R CÔD YN GYMWYS
WHEN THE CODE APPLIES**

PRYD MAE'R CÔD YN GYMWYS WHEN THE CODE APPLIES

In any official council meeting

**In any meeting with members
or officers**

**When acting as a Council rep
or appearing to do so**

**If conducting Council
business**

**If acting in any other official
role**

**If a Council rep on another
body**

AND

**PRYD MAE'R CÔD YN GYMWYS
WHEN THE CODE APPLIES**

AT ANY TIME IF:

**Your conduct is likely to
bring your office or the
Council into disrepute**

**You use your position to
gain an advantage for
yourself or another**

**You misuse Council
resources**

DYLETSWYDDAU CYFFREDINOL GENERAL DUTIES

DYLETSWYDDAU CYFFREDINOL – RHAID ICHI GENERAL DUTIES – YOU MUST

- **Promote Equality**
- **Show respect & consideration to others**
- **Not harass or bully others**
- **Not compromise your officers impartiality**
- **Not disclose confidential information**
- **Not prevent access to information**
- **Not bring your office or council into disrepute**

DYLETSWYDDAU CYFFREDINOL – RHAID ICHI GENERAL DUTIES – YOU MUST

- **Report code breaches**
- **Not make vexatious complaints**
- **Cooperate with investigations**
- **Not use your position improperly**
- **Not misuse Council resources**
- **Reach decisions objectively**
- **Consider advice and give reasons for not following it**

DYLETSWYDDAU CYFFREDINOL – RHAID ICHI GENERAL DUTIES – YOU MUST

- **Comply with rules on expenses**
- **Not accept gifts or hospitality that obligates you or appear to do so**

BUDDIANNAU PERSONOL PERSONAL INTERESTS

“Mae'n rhaid i'r cyhoedd deimlo'n hyderus bod Cynghorwyr yn gweithredu er budd y cyhoedd, nid er eu budd eu hunain, neu er budd eu teulu a'u ffrindiau.”

(Ombwdsmon Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus Cymru)

“The public must have confidence that Councillors are acting in the public's best interests, not their own, or those of their family and friends.”

(Public Services Ombudsman for Wales)

BUDDIANNAU PERSONOL PERSONAL INTERESTS

- The Code lists a number of situations where a personal interest arises.
- If you have a personal interest in any council business you must declare that interest
- If that interest is also prejudicial you cannot participate or vote.
- ALL agendas should ideally contain a standing item on declarations of interest as this helps remind members to give serious thought to this issue

BETH YW BUDDIANT PERSONOL? WHAT IS A PERSONAL INTEREST?

Where a matter **relates to or is likely to affect;**

1. Your employment or business
2. Your employer or a business in which you are a partner or director
3. Anyone (other than your council) who contributes to your election or members expenses

Or....

BETH YW BUDDIANT PERSONOL? WHAT IS A PERSONAL INTEREST?

Contd..

4. A company with a place of business/land in your area in which you hold 1% of shares (or shares worth more than £25k)

5. A contract for goods/services/works between your council and a business in which you are a director or a shareholder

Or.....

BETH YW BUDDIANT PERSONOL? WHAT IS A PERSONAL INTEREST?

Contd...

6. Land that you own (include part own) in the area

7. Land where your Council is the landlord and you or your business is a tenant (includes where you are a director or shareholder)

8. Any land in the area where you hold an occupational licence.

Or....

BETH YW BUDDIANT PERSONOL? WHAT IS A PERSONAL INTEREST?

Contd...

9. Where you are a member of or have a management role in the following types of organisation;

- (a) Public authority/body exercising public functions**
- (b) Company, society or charity**
- (c) Body which exists to influence public opinion**

Or....

BETH YW BUDDIANT PERSONOL? WHAT IS A PERSONAL INTEREST ?

9. Contd...

**(d)Trade union of
professional association**

**(e)Private club, society or
association operating in
the area**

Or.....

BETH YW BUDDIANT PERSONOL? WHAT IS A PERSONAL INTEREST?

Where the matter **might reasonably be regarded as affecting;**

1. Your well-being or financial position
2. The well-being or financial position of a person you live with
3. The well-being or financial position of a **close personal associate**

Or...

BETH YW BUDDIANT PERSONOL? WHAT IS A PERSONAL INTEREST?

Contd...

4. Any employment or business carried on by you, a person living with you, or a close personal associate of yours.

5. Any person who employs a person living with you or a close personal associate or any business in which they are a partner or director.

Or....

BETH YW BUDDIANT PERSONOL? WHAT IS A PERSONAL INTEREST?

Contd...

6. Any public authority, company, society, charity, trade union, professional association, private club, or association in which a person living with you/close personal associate is a member or has a position of control or management.

Or....

BETH YW BUDDIANT PERSONOL? WHAT IS A PERSONAL INTEREST?

Contd...

7. Any company in which a person living with you/close personal associate owns shares worth more than £5,000.

**IF YOU HAVE A PERSONAL INTEREST
THEN YOU MUST DECLARE IT.**

BUDDIANNAU RHAGFARNOL PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

If you have a Personal interest you **MUST check whether that interest is also prejudicial.**

REMEMBER

The test is not whether you think the interest influences you, but whether you think a hypothetical member of the public would think it does.

BUDDIANNAU RHAGFARNOL PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

If you have a Prejudicial interest you MUST;

1. Disclose that interest
2. Not try to influence any decision
3. Withdraw from the meeting whilst that business is dealt with
4. This means you must leave the room !!

BUDDIANNAU EITHRIEDIG EXEMPTED INTERESTS

The Code lists certain personal interests which are NOT prejudicial, namely;

- 1. Where the business relates to another authority of which you are a member**
- 2. Where the business relates to another public authority in which you have a position of control or management**

Or....

BUDDIANNAU EITHRIEDIG EXEMPTED INTERESTS

Contd..

3. Where the business relates to a body to which you have been appointed by your Council

4. Your role as a school governor (where NOT appointed by your Council) UNLESS the business specifically relates to that school

Or.....

BUDDIANNAU EITHRIEDIG

EXEMPTED INTERESTS

Contd...

5. Your role on the LHB when NOT appointed by your Council

6. In relation to a grant/loan etc by your Council to a community or voluntary organisation **up to a maximum of £500.**

CASE STUDIES

CASE STUDY ONE

CASE STUDY TWO

CASE STUDY THREE

CASE STUDY FOUR

GOLLYNGIADAU DISPENSATIONS

GOLLYNGIADAU DISPENSATIONS

- **A Cllr with a prejudicial interest may apply to the Standards Committee for permission to be involved in a matter**
- **Applications must be submitted in sufficient time for a meeting to be called in accordance with rules on publishing agendas etc.**

GOLLYNGIADAU DISPENSATIONS

- **Applications must be submitted on a standard form**
- **They may be submitted by a clerk on behalf of 1 or more cllrs.**
- **They must be based on one or more of the following grounds;**

GOLLYNGIADAU DISPENSATIONS

- **At least 1/2 of fellow cllrs share the same interest**
- **The nature of the interest is such that it would not damage public confidence**
- **The Cllr has a particular expertise which justifies their contd. involvement**
- **The interest is common to a significant proportion of the public**

GOLLYNGIADAU DISPENSATIONS

- **The matter relates to a vol. organisation & the Cllr is involved in its management & has no other interest in the matter (*can only speak , not vote under this option*)**
- **Otherwise appropriate in all the circumstances**
- **(*There are other grounds available but they do not apply to Community Cllrs*)**

GOLLYNGIADAU DISPENSATIONS

Dispensations are usually granted for a set period of time

The majority of dispensations are to speak only

Dispensations are most likely to be granted where a councillor's interest relates to involvement in a voluntary organisation.

Dispensations are less likely to be granted where they relate to a councillor's personal business or property interests

GOLLYNGIADAU DISPENSATIONS

In 2018/2019 the Standards committee received 56 dispensation applications and refused only 3

Applications should give as much information as possible about the interest that the Cllr has

GORFODAETH ENFORCEMENT



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 - **All complaints regarding breaches of the code should be referred to the PSOW who will decide whether or not to investigate.**
 - **If the PSOW decides the case merits investigation, he may do so himself or refer the case to the local Monitoring Officer to do so**

GORFODAETH ENFORCEMENT

- **If an investigation finds evidence of a breach it may be referred to the local Standards Committee or the Adjudication Panel for Wales for determination.**
- **The Standards Committee can suspend a Cllr from office**
- **The Adjudication Panel can disqualify a Cllr from office**
- **Both can impose lesser sanctions**

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WHERE TO SEEK ADVICE

Clerks

May seek advice from the Monitoring Officer in relation to the Code

Councillors

Ombudsman's guidance makes it clear that Councillors should seek advice from their Clerks on Code issues and only approach the Monitoring Officer if the clerk is unavailable

CASGLIAD CONCLUSION

- **Take time to familiarise yourself with the code**
- **Always have it with you when conducting council business**
- **Make use of dispensations to fulfil your democratic role**
- **If unsure – SEEK ADVICE**

CWESTIYNAU QUESTIONS



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CASE STUDY ONE

Councillor J is a member of a number of voluntary organisations and groups including the Royal British Legion, the Scouts and the local bowls club and choir.

On becoming a councillor, Councillor J declared an interest in these organisations in the public register of interests.

Subsequently on 3 separate occasions Councillor J submitted a written request to the council that it provide small financial grants (all less than £200) to several local organisations including the Choir, bowls club and British Legion. Each request contained a declaration (to be signed by the Cllr submitting it) that the Cllr did not have a personal interest in the grant request. On each occasion Cllr J signed to the effect that he had no personal interest.

A month after the final grant request Cllr J again declared membership of these groups as an interest on the public interests register.

Cllr J accepts that securing these grants for those organisations helped to boost his standing in them

Discussion

1. With the help of the easy use guide, decide whether Cllr J had a personal interest in the grant applications.
2. If Cllr J does have a personal interest, is it also prejudicial? Discuss why you have come to the answer that you have
3. What steps should Cllr J have taken under the code? Would the position have been any different if the grant requests were all for over £500?

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CASE STUDY 2

Cllr M made a complaint to the police about her neighbour Mr C. The police investigated and determined that there was no case to answer.

Cllr M subsequently posted 3 separate messages on Facebook describing Mr C as a pervert and a paedophile. The posts were seen by many in the area Cllr M lived and became common knowledge. Although this was her personal Facebook page it did refer to her being a Community Cllr.

Mr C complained to the police and Cllr M was subsequently convicted of an offence under s.4A of the Public Order Act. Mr C also complained to the Ombudsman.

In response to the Ombudsman's complaint Cllr C stated;

1. That she was justified in posting the messages as what they said was true
2. That this was a private matter and nothing to do with her role as a Cllr.
3. That she never meant for the matter to be in the public domain and did not intend to cause harm or distress

Discussion.

1. Do you think that the Code of Conduct applies in this case? Give reasons for your conclusions.
2. If the code does apply, do you think Cllr M has breached the code? If you do, which parts of the Code has Cllr M breached? Explain why you think this.

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CASE STUDY 3

Cllr C attended a meeting of his community council where the clerk's remuneration package was discussed. The discussion took place after the conclusion of the formal public meeting of the community council, when the press and public were asked to leave the room.

At that point Cllr C revealed to his fellow Cllrs that he was in a relationship with the clerk (they were married 7 months later) and declared that he therefore had a personal interest in any discussion regarding her remuneration package.

Cllr C sought guidance from his fellow Cllrs and they agreed he could stay in the meeting but not participate.

Cllr C did not accept that he had done anything wrong and felt that as he had not participated in the meeting he had no influence on the outcome of the discussions.

Discussion

1. Do you think that the code applied to this 'private' meeting of the councillors?
Explain your answer.
2. Do you think Cllr C had a personal interest in those discussions? Explain your answer?
3. Do you think Cllr C had a personal AND prejudicial interest in those discussions?
Explain your answer.
4. What do you think Cllr C should have done in that situation?

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CASE STUDY 4

Cllr H was under considerable pressure from her constituents in relation to problems with an unauthorised traveller encampment in her ward. Cllr H was unhappy with Officer X's involvement in the case, even though it was actually being dealt with by a different officer. Cllr H subsequently;

1. Sent an email to that officer X's line manager and 6 other Cllrs stating that Officer X was 'arrogant, lazy, mentally challenged and has been useless for years'
2. Sent an email to Officer X stating 'I don't rate you at all and have made this clear to your senior officers'
3. Posted a message on Twitter referring to officer X as a 'lazy officer'

These emails caused worry and stress to Officer X and led him to seek medical help.

NB. Officer X was registered as disabled at this time

Discussion

1. Do you think Cllr H has breached the code of conduct? Give reasons for your decision.
2. Do you think that Cllr H's comments amounted to 'political expression'? Give reasons for your answer.
3. What do you think the outcome of the case should be? Give reasons for your answer.

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CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING - OPTIONS

	OPTION	ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES
1.	Continue current sessions	Continues successful approach. No increase in cost.	Unlikely to attract significant numbers of new attendees.
2.	Deliver training to all Councils separately	Will significantly increase the numbers receiving training.	Significant cost and staffing implications.
3.	Deliver training regionally	Will not necessarily reach a wider audience than the County Hall sessions. Much depends upon why Councillors do not attend.	Stiff significant cost and staff implications, although less than option 2
4.	Webcasting	Potential to reach a wider audience, assuming that councillors are able/willing to access it.	Risks undermining the success of the County Hall sessions
5.	E-Learning module	Potential to reach a wider audience, assuming that councillors are able/willing to access it.	Learning & Development Team have advised that given the target audience, an e-learning module is not the most suitable option
6.	Continuing with option 1 and the dissemination of training materials BUT in addition asking council clerks to include the consideration of those materials as a formal agenda item at their next meeting and to minute that this has been done AND for representatives of the committee to attend and observe some of those council meetings.	Will continue to build upon the success of past events. Less impact upon resources. Likely to reach a larger target audience. There will be a formal record of who was 'trained' and when for each council.	The quality of the training provided by the clerks may vary. It is unlikely that it will be possible to observe all those training sessions.

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STANDARDS COMMITTEE 15/03/19

CODE COMPLIANCE DATA		
Recommendations / key decisions required: To consider the report		
Reasons: The subject matter of this report falls within the remit of the Committee		
Scrutiny Committee recommendations / comments: Not applicable		
Exec Board Decision Required	NO	
Council Decision Required	NO	
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- Cllr E Dole (Leader)		
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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
STANDARDS COMMITTEE
15/03/19**

CODE COMPLIANCE DATA

The Standards Committee receives an annual report (usually at its December meeting) as to the level of code compliance by Town and Community Councillors during the preceding municipal year.

The report captures;

1. Number of code complaints to the Ombudsman
2. Number of declarations of interest
3. Number of dispensation applications
4. Whether any councillors have received code training

Data in respect of items 1 and 3 are already in the possession of the County Council. Data in respect of item 2 should be available online as part of published minutes of meetings. However not all Councils do this.

Unfortunately a significant number of Councils do not respond to written requests for this information.

At its meeting in December 2018 the committee indicated that it wished to give further consideration to what data it should seek to obtain and how best to improve the data it received, particularly in relation to items 2 and 4.

In addition the committee indicated that it also wished to consider receiving similar data in respect of County Councillors.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

NO

IMPLICATIONS

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Signed: **Linda Rees Jones** **Head of Administration and Law**

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