

# STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Thursday, 1 June 2017

**PRESENT:** Mr C.A. Downward (Chair)

**Independent Members:**

M. Dodd, M.A. Morgan and A. Williams

**The following Officers were in attendance:**

L.R. Jones, Head of Administration and Law/ Monitoring Officer

R. Edgecombe, Legal Services Manager

M.S. Davies, Democratic Services Officer

**Democratic Services Committee Room, County Hall, Carmarthen - 10.00 - 10.15 am**

**1. APOLOGIES / OTHER MATTERS**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S.M. Allen and B.A.L. Roberts.

The Chair congratulated Councillors S.M. Allen, B.A.L. Roberts and G.B. Thomas on their re-election and congratulated Cllr. J. Gilasbey on her election to County Council and thanked her for her work on the Committee whilst a community representative.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

There were no declarations of personal interest.

**3. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR E. DOLE**

The Committee considered an application by County Councillor E. Dole, who had been appointed as leader of the Council on the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017, for the grant of a dispensation to appoint to the Executive Board his sister-in-law Councillor L. Evans, who he wished to assume the role of Executive Board Member for Housing, a post which carried a senior salary as opposed to a basic salary. Councillor Dole had been granted a dispensation to appoint Cllr. Evans to the Executive Board in the previous Administration in this role and Cllr. Evans had also previously served as opposition spokesperson for the Housing portfolio since 2012, having been appointed to that position by the then leader of the opposition Cllr P. Hughes-Griffiths. Cllr. Evans had also previously held the salaried post of Chair of a Scrutiny Committee, having been nominated to that role by full council.

Following a detailed discussion it was

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that dispensation be granted to Councillor E. Dole under Regulation 2(d) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001, to enable him to appoint Councillor L. Evans to the Executive Board if he considers it appropriate to do so.**

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**CHAIR**

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**DATE**