

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

13TH JANUARY 2017

APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR PHILIP NIGEL THOMPSON

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 13TH JANUARY 2017

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An application for dispensation to speak and make written representations has been received from Councillor Philip Nigel Thompson of Kidwelly Town Council in relation to his involvement with Ynghyd Community Interest Company (of which he is a director) and the Kidwelly Community Hub (of which he is a member of the management committee).

Councillor Thompson has a personal interest in this matter by virtue of the following paragraphs of the Code of Conduct;

1. 10(2)(a)(ix)(bb) as the matter relates to or is likely to affect a company in which he holds a position of general control or management
2. 10(2)(a)(ix)(ee) as the matter relates to or is likely to affect a private association in which he holds a position of general control or management

This interest is also a prejudicial interest as a member of the public, with full knowledge of the facts, would reasonably regard that interest as so significant as to prejudice the Councillor's judgement of the public interest.

The application is submitted on 4 grounds specified in the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation)(Wales) Regulations 2001 namely;

- (d) participation would not damage public confidence
- (f) participation justified due to the member's particular role or expertise
- (g) the business is to be considered by an overview or scrutiny committee (this ground does not apply in these circumstances)
- (h) the business relates to a voluntary organisation and the councillor has no other interest in that matter (the committee may only grant a dispensation to speak under this ground).

If the committee is minded to grant the application, it has an absolute discretion as to duration, it may grant it until the end of the Councillor's term of office, or some other date, such as the date of a future meeting of this committee.

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: **L. Rees Jones** **Head of Administration and Law**

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

CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: **L. Rees Jones** **Head of Administration and Law**

(Please specify the outcomes of consultations undertaken where they arise against the following headings)

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-149	Legal Services, County Hall