

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

19/10/18

APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR ANDRE McPHERSON

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
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McPHERSON**

A dispensation application has been received from County Councillor Andre McPherson to speak and vote and make written representations in respect of any council business relating to mental health issues and the provision of mental health services.

Councillor McPherson would have a personal interest in such council business by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(a)(i) of the Members Code of Conduct as he works as a clinical psychologist and paragraph 10(2)(a)(ix)(bb) as he is chairman of the charity Llanelli Mind.

These personal interests would also be prejudicial as a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard those interests as so significant that they would be likely to prejudice the Councillor's judgement of the public interest.

Councillor McPherson has submitted his application on the basis of two grounds set out in the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations)(Wales) regulations 2011 (as amended) namely;

1. That 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.
2. That the participation of the member in the business to which the interest relates is justified by the member's particular role or expertise.

If the committee is minded to grant Councillor McPherson a dispensation in respect of these interests it has absolute discretion as to the duration of that dispensation.

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	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: Linda 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-164	Legal Services, County Hall