

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

19/10/18

APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR EDWARD THOMAS

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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**APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR
EDWARD THOMAS**

A dispensation application has been received from Councillor Edward Thomas of Llandeilo Fawr Town Council to speak only in respect of any council business relating to the annual grant from the Town Council to the Llandeilo and District Sports Association.

Councillor Thomas would have a personal interest in such council business by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(a)(ix)(ee) of the members code of conduct as he is chairman of the Llandeilo and District Sports Association.

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

Councillor Thomas 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 business in question relates to the finances of a voluntary organisation of whose management committee the councillor is a member AND that he has no other interest.(A dispensation granted under this ground cannot extend to allowing the member to vote)

Committee members should note that paragraph 12(2)(c) of the Code provides that a personal interest is not to be regarded as a prejudicial interest where it relates to a member's role as a community councillor in respect of a grant, loan or other form of financial assistance made by that member's council to a community or voluntary organisation, up to a maximum of £500.

If the committee is minded to grant Councillor Thomas a dispensation in respect of this interest 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 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

(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