

# STANDARDS COMMITTEE

## 12/11/2018

### APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLORS CEFIN CAMPBELL, GARETH THOMAS, JEAN LEWIS, KEN HOWELL, TYSSUL EVANS, MANSEL CHARLES, EIRWYN WILLIAMS, ANN DAVIES AND ARWEL DAVIES

#### 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)

Directorate

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
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An application for dispensation to speak and make written representations in respect of any council business relating to or likely to affect farming and agriculture has been received from the above County Councillors.

The Councillors potentially have a personal interest in such business by virtue of paragraphs 10(2) (a)(i), 10(2)(a)(iv), 10(2)(b)(i) and 10(2)(b)(ii) of the members code of conduct in that they are all either actively engaged in farming or farming type activities in the County, own farm land which is actively farmed by others or have close personal associates who are actively engaged in farming.

Those interests should also be considered prejudicial member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard the interests as so significant that they would be likely to prejudice the councillors' judgement of the public interest.

The application is made on 2 grounds set out in the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations)(Wales) Regulations 2001 namely;

1. The Councillors participation in such matters would not damage public confidence in the conduct of the Council's business
2. That their participation is justified by their particular expertise

Councillors Gareth Thomas and Jean Lewis were previously granted dispensation in respect of these matters in June 2016 until the Local Authority elections in May 2017.

All the above Councillors (except for Cllr. Campbell) were subsequently granted dispensation in respect of these interests from September 2017 to September 2018. Cllr. Arwel Davies was granted dispensation from December 2017 to September 2018.

If the committee is minded to approve the application they have absolute discretion as to the duration of any dispensation granted.

**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 <b>NONE</b>	Legal <b>NONE</b>	Finance <b>NONE</b>	ICT <b>NONE</b>	Risk Management Issues <b>NONE</b>	Staffing Implications <b>NONE</b>	Physical Assets <b>NONE</b>
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## CONSULTATIONS

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

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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-166	Legal Services, County Hall