

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

14TH JUNE 2019

APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR B CHAPMAN WHITLAND TOWN HALL COMMITTEE

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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An application for dispensation to speak only in relation to matters regarding Whitland Town Hall Committee has been received from Cllr Barry Chapman of Whitland Town Council.

Councillor Chapman has a personal interest in such matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(a)(ix)(ee) of the Code of Conduct as he is a member and Chair of the committee.

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) no damage to public confidence

(f) participation justified due to the member's special expertise

(h) interest relates to a voluntary organisation (limited to speaking only)

The Town Hall is run by a group of Trustees and a working committee for the purpose of promoting the well-being of people in the area. It is used by local people for a wide range of activities such as yoga and dance classes, short mat bowls and IT courses for the over 65s. In addition it is also let out for parties and other commercial bookings which generate an income to help maintain the building.

Cllr Chapman was granted a dispensation in respect of his interest to speak only on the 15th June 2018.

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 R 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 R Jones

Head of Administration and Law

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-170	Legal Services, County Hall