

# STANDARDS COMMITTEE

14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2019

<b>APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR B CHAPMAN WHITLAND CIVIC WEEK COMMITTEE</b>		
<b>Recommendations / key decisions required:</b> To consider and determine the application		
<b>Reasons:</b> 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

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### APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR B CHAPMAN WHITLAND CIVIC WEEK COMMITTEE

An application for dispensation to speak only in relation to matters regarding the Whitland Civic Week 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 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 committee organises the annual carnival in Whitland and organises other events throughout the year to help pay for the ongoing maintenance of Parc Dr Owen, a recreational field in the town which is used by the local bowling club and football and rugby teams.

Occasionally the committee makes applications to the Town Council for financial assistance in putting on the carnival and other events. Cllr Chapman would like to be able to speak at any town council meeting at which such applications are discussed.

Cllr Chapman was granted a dispensation in respect of this interest to speak only on the 15<sup>th</sup> 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