

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE**  
**11<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2016**

**APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR W R A 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

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
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An application for dispensation to speak and vote in relation to matters regarding the transfer of tennis facilities from the County Council to the Community Council has been received from Community Councillor W R A Davies of Llandybie Community Council.

Councillor Davies has a personal interest in such matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(a)(ix)(ee) of the Code of Conduct as he is the secretary and treasurer of Llandybie Tennis Club.

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 5 grounds specified in the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation)(Wales) Regulations 2001 namely;

- (d) no damage to public confidence
- (e) common interest with significant proportion of the general public
- (f) participation justified due to the member's special expertise
- (h) interest relates to a voluntary organisation (limited to speaking only)
- (i) granting the application is in the interests of the inhabitants of the area

Of these, paragraphs (e) and (i) are not appropriate.

At the meeting of the Standards Committee in December 2015 Councillor Davies was granted a dispensation to speak only in respect of these matters until the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016. To date Councillor Davies has not made use of that dispensation and therefore asks that, should his application be successful, any dispensation granted be until at least the meeting of the Standards Committee scheduled for September 2016.

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: Head of Administration and Law

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>

## CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: L. 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-141	Legal Services, County Hall