

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2016**

**APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR G HOWELLS**

**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 has been received from Councillor Gerald Howells of Llansteffan and Llanybri Community Council to speak and vote in respect of matters relating to Llansteffan Primary School and Llansteffan Parish Church.

Councillor Howells has a personal interest in such matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ix)(aa) in respect of the school and 10(2)(ix)(ee) in respect of the Parish Church in that;

1. The school is a body exercising functions of a public nature in which, as Chairman of Governors, he holds a position of general control or management. Councillor Howells was not appointed to his current position as a school governor by his community council.
2. The Church should be considered as a private association in which, as a Church Warden, he is a member.

These interests are also prejudicial as a 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 Councillor's judgement of the public interest.

The application is based upon two grounds in the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations)(Wales) Regulations 2001, namely;

- (d) No damage to public confidence
- (f) Justified by the councillors special expertise

Councillor Howells was granted a dispensation to speak but not vote in respect of these matters in December 2015. That dispensation expires on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

If the committee is minded to grant the application, it has an absolute discretion as to the duration of the grant. It may be until the end of the Councillors term of office, or for a shorter period such as until the committee's meetings on the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2016 or 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016.

**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. 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

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-143	Legal Services, County Hall