

STANDARDS COMMITTEE
3RD JUNE 2016

APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR G THOMAS

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 County Councillor Gareth Thomas to speak and/or make written representations concerning any matter relating to farming in general.

Councillor Thomas has a personal interest in such matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(a)(i) of the Code of Conduct as they relate to any employment or business carried on by Councillor Thomas who is himself a farmer.

This interest is also prejudicial as a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant 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 2 grounds specified in the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations)(Wales) Regulations 2001, namely;
(d) No damage to public confidence
(f) Participation is justified by the member's special expertise.

Councillor Thomas was granted a dispensation on similar terms (but limited to matters relating to dairy farming only) on the 29th July 2015. A dispensation was also granted to Cllr Thomas in relation to farming in general in December 2015. This dispensation expires on the 10th June 2016.

If the committee is minded to grant the application, it has an absolute discretion as to duration. It may grant the dispensation until the end of the Councillor's term of office, or until the Committee's meetings on the 9th September 2016 or 2nd 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 NONE	Legal NONE	Finance NONE	ICT NONE	Risk Management Issues NONE	Staffing Implications NONE	Physical Assets NONE
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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