

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

06/07/2023

DISPENSATION APPLICATION BY COUNCILLOR WENDY HERON

Purpose: To consider the application and determine whether to grant dispensation

To consider and comment on the following issues:

- To decide whether to grant the dispensation application

Reasons:

- Cllr Heron has a personal and prejudicial interest which would otherwise prevent her participating in this council business

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER: Not Applicable

Directorate

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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Dispensation Application by Cllr Wendy Heron

Henllanfallteg Community Councillor Wendy Heron has submitted a dispensation request to speak and vote in relation to council business regarding the provision of a sewerage solution for the community hall, pub and several homes in the village.

Councillor Heron would have a personal and prejudicial interest in such business as she is a trustee of the village hall.

Councillor Heron seeks dispensation, on the following grounds under the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations)(Wales) Regulations 2001

1. Regulation 2(2)(d) – the nature of the member’s interest is such that the member’s participation in the business to which the interest relates would not damage public confidence in the conduct of the relevant authority’s business.
2. Regulation 2(2) (e) – the interest is common to the member and a significant proportion of the public.
3. Regulation 2(2)(f) – the participation of the member in the business to which the interest relates is justified by the members particular role or expertise
4. Regulation 2(2)(h) – the business which is to be considered relates to the finances or property of a voluntary organisation of whose management committee or board the member is a member otherwise than as a representative of the relevant authority and the member has no other interest in that business provided that any dispensation shall not extend to participation in any vote with respect to that business

The application also seeks to rely on the ground in Regulation 2(2)(c) relating to political balance, but this ground is not applicable in this case.

If the committee is minded to grant Councillor Heron ’s request it will need to determine the duration of that dispensation

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: Linda Rees-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: *LRJones*

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

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED
NO

N/A

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

There are none.