

**Standards Committee**  
**04/03/2024**

**Subject**

**Group Dispensation Request on behalf of Members of Llanllawddog Community Council**

**Purpose:**

To consider the request.

**Recommendations / key decisions required:**

Determine whether to grant the request and, if granted, the duration of the dispensation.

**Reasons:**

In accordance with the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

Cabinet Decision Required                      NO

Council Decision Required                      NO

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:-                      Not applicable

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
STANDARDS COMMITTEE  
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Llanllawddog Community Council**

A group dispensation request has been received from the clerk to Llanllawddog Community Council in respect of 6 of the 7 current members of that authority. The application seeks dispensation for each councillor to speak and vote and make written representations.

The application relates to Council business regarding the Towy/Teifi overhead line proposed by Green Gen Cymru/Bute Energy. Details of each councillor's personal interest is set out in the appendix to the application.

Dispensation is sought on the following grounds in the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

1. Regulation 2(a) no fewer than half the members of the relevant authority by which the business is to be considered has an interest which relates to that business.
2. Regulation 2(d) the nature of the members interest in such that their participating in the business to which the interest relates would not damage public confidence.

The committee has, to date, granted dispensation to a total of 13 councillors to speak or speak and make written representations in respect of the same/similar Bute Energy projects in the County. It has also refused 1 application. So far, no dispensation has been granted to speak and vote.

If the committee is minded to grant the dispensation, its duration will also need to be determined.

**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 Manage- ment Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets	Bio- diversity & Climate Change
<b>NONE</b>	<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: *Linda Rees-Jones*

Head of Administration and Law

<b>1. Scrutiny Committee request for pre-determination</b>	NA
<b>Scrutiny Committee</b>	
<b>Date the report was considered:-</b>	
<b>Scrutiny Committee Outcome/Recommendations:-</b>	

**2. Local Member(s)**

NA

**3. Community / Town Council**

NA

**4. Relevant Partners**

NA

**5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations**

NA

<b>CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED</b>	NA
NO	

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

**THERE ARE NONE**