

Standards Committee
04/03/2024

Subject

Dispensation Request by Councillor Mary Margaret Wenman

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

Directorate: Chief Executives

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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A dispensation request has been received from Town Councillor Mary Margaret Wenman of Burry Port and Pembrey Town Council.

The application relates to Council business regarding the former Copperworks School in Burry Port. Councillor Wenman would have a personal and prejudicial interest in such business as she is the Chair of the 'Friends of the Copperworks' a voluntary organisation which wishes to influence the Town Council over the future of the remaining building on the site and lease it. The application also references Cllr Wenman's membership of 'the Heritage and Historical society', but it is unclear from the application what direct interest this group has in the Copperworks site.

Councillor Wenman seeks dispensation to Speak and Vote and to make written representations 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.
3. Regulation 2(e) the interest is common to the member and a significant proportion of the general public.
4. Regulation 2(f) the participation of the member in the business to which the interest relates is justified by the member's particular role or expertise
5. Regulation 2(g) the business to which the interest relates is to be considered by an overview or scrutiny committee and the members interest is not a pecuniary interest.

Of these grounds, Regulations 2(e) and 2(g) are unlikely to apply and there is nothing in the application to support the ground under Regulation 2(a). Regulations 2(d) and 2(f) would however appear to apply.

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 Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets	Bio-diversity & Climate Change
NONE	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: *Linda Rees-Jones*

Head of Administration and Law

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

2. Local Member(s)

NA

3. Community / Town Council

NA

4. Relevant Partners

NA

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations

NA

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED	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