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MONDAY, 25 APRIL 2016

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

I HEREBY SUMMON YOU TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE **STANDARDS COMMITTEE** WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE **CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, CARMARTHEN AT 10.00 AM, ON TUESDAY, 3RD MAY, 2016** FOR THE TRANSACTION OF THE BUSINESS OUTLINED ON THE ATTACHED AGENDA

Mark James

CHIEF EXECUTIVE



PLEASE RECYCLE

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STANDARDS COMMITTEE

MEMBERSHIP: 9 MEMBERS

Independent Members (5)

1. Mrs Mary Dodd
2. Mr Christopher A. Downward Chair of the Committee
3. Mr M. Andre Morgan Vice Chair of the Committee
4. Mr Alun. Williams
5. Vacancy

Community Committee Member (1)

1. Councillor Jeanette Gilasbey

Elected Members of the County Council (3)

1. Councillor Susan M. Allen
2. Councillor B.A. Louvain Roberts
3. Councillor Gareth B. Thomas

A G E N D A

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.
2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST.
3. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR J. TREMLETT 5 - 10
4. ANY OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THE CHAIR DECIDES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY PURSUANT TO SECTION 100B(4)(B) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972.

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STANDARDS COMMITTEE 3rd MAY 2016

APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR J TREMLETT

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)

Directorate

Chief Executives

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
STANDARDS COMMITTEE
3RD MAY 2016**

APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR J TREMLETT

An application has been received from County Councillor Sharen Davies for the grant of a dispensation in respect of a proposed Laugharne Township Parking Strategy.

Councillor Tremlett has a personal interest in this matter as;

1. She is a resident of King Street, Laugharne and would be affected by the proposed resident parking permit scheme in that street and
2. Her husband has a business in King Street, Laugharne which could benefit from the proposed off street car park.

This interest is also prejudicial as a member of the public with knowledge of the facts would reasonably think that interest so significant that it would be likely to prejudice the Councillor's judgement of the wider public interest.

Councillor Tremlett seeks a dispensation to speak and vote upon the Strategy.

The grounds upon which the application is made are;

1. Her involvement is justified by her special knowledge and expertise in relation to the Town
2. It appears to the Committee to be in the interests of the inhabitants of the area that the disability be removed.

If the committee is minded to grant Councillor Davies a dispensation, it may do so;

1. Until the end of her term of office as a Councillor
2. Until such other earlier date as the committee chooses. This could, for example be to the committee meetings on the 10th June, 9th September 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-144	Legal Services, County Hall

CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

APPLICATION for a dispensation under Section 2 of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001

The Carmarthenshire County Council Standards Committee are requested to grant the Member/s listed below a Dispensation to cover the interest/s declared in Section 2 below. My reasons for requesting same are set out in Section 4

SECTION 1	Name(s) of Member(s)	Name of member's authority
	Jane Tremlett	Carmarthenshire County Council

SECTION 2	Matter to be discussed on which member seeks dispensation
	Proposed Laugharne Township Parking Strategy
Date of meeting at which the matter is to be discussed:	Ongoing

Dispensation being sought to speak and vote	X
Dispensation being sought to speak only	

SECTION 3	The interest which the member must disclose, and the nature of that interest in relation to the matter to be discussed
	I reside in King Street and should a Resident's Permit Scheme be introduced would be affected. Also my husband has a business on the premises in King Street which could potentially benefit if the proposed car park off King Street be provided.

SECTION 4	Criteria for seeking dispensation	
~ 50% of members affected		
~ Political balance would be affected (county borough only)		
~ No damage to public confidence		
~ Common interest with general public		
~ Justified because of special expertise		X
~ Scrutiny committee business <u>and</u> not financial interest		
~ Voluntary organisation <u>and</u> not financial interest		
~ In the interests of inhabitants		X
<i>(See appendix for more details)</i>		

SECTION 5	Reason/s in support of my/our application (use a separate sheet of paper if necessary)
<p>As the local member for Laugharne Township Ward since 2004 I have been aware of the need for a car park in Laugharne. Laugharne is a visitor destination with the County council run Dylan Thomas Boat House, as well as Laugharne Castle (CADW), shops, hotels restaurants etc. Since the 1970s, there have been at least six Surveys/Consultations on Laugharne. Each has identified car parking, or rather the lack of it, as a major issue.</p> <p>I have the background knowledge of the Township's needs and request the dispensation to be able to share that knowledge at any Council meetings with members and officers so that any decision/s may be based on the informed experience of the local member.</p>	

SIGNED Wane Tremlett (Member of County Council)

DATED: 19th April 2016