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**FRIDAY, 13 JANUARY 2023**

**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. SA31 1JP AND REMOTELY AT 2.00 PM ON TUESDAY, 24TH JANUARY, 2023** FOR THE TRANSACTION OF THE BUSINESS OUTLINED ON THE ATTACHED AGENDA

*Wendy Walters*

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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<b>This is a multi-location meeting. Committee members can attend in person at the venue detailed above or remotely via the Zoom link which is provided separately.</b>	
<b>The meeting can be viewed on the Authority's website via the following link:- <a href="https://carmarthenshire.public-i.tv/core/portal/home">https://carmarthenshire.public-i.tv/core/portal/home</a></b>	

Wendy Walters Prif Weithredwr, *Chief Executive*,  
Neuadd y Sir, Caerfyrddin. SA31 1JP  
*County Hall, Carmarthen. SA31 1JP*

## **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**9 MEMBERS**

### **MEMBERSHIP: 9 MEMBERS**

#### **Independent Members (5)**

1. **Mrs Mary Dodd**
2. **Ms Caryl Davies**
3. **Mrs Daphne Evans**
4. **Mrs Julie James**
5. **Mr Frank Phillips**

#### **Community Committee Member (1)**

1. **Town Councillor Phillip Rogers**

#### **Elected Members of the County Council (3)**

1. **Councillor Betsan Jones**
2. **Councillor Rob James**
3. **Councillor Gareth Thomas**

# **A G E N D A**

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**
2. **DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST.**
3. **TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 12TH DECEMBER, 2022** 5 - 8
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5. **DISPENSATION APPLICATION BY COUNCILLOR P H THOMAS** 19 - 30
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## STANDARDS COMMITTEE

12 DECEMBER 2022

**PRESENT:** Mrs. M. Dodd (Ph) (Chair)

**Independent Members:**

Ms. D. Evans (Ph), Mrs. J. James (Ph), Mr. F. Phillips(R) and Mrs. C. Davies (R).

**Community Member:**

Councillor P. Rogers (R).

**Councillors**

B. Jones (R) and R. James (R).

**Also Present (In Person):**

R. Edgecombe, Legal Services Manager;  
A. Eynon, Principal Translator;  
E. Evans, Principal Democratic Services Officer;  
M. Runeckles, Member Support Officer (Agency);  
J. Owen, Democratic Services Officer [Minute Taker].

**Also Present (Virtually):**

M.S. Davies, Democratic Services Officer.

[Ph = physical attendance at County Hall R = remote attendance via Zoom]

**Chamber, County Hall, Carmarthen, SA31 1JP and remotely: 2:00pm - 2:45pm**

**[Note:**

- A change in the order of business on the agenda was deemed necessary by the Chair and item 7 was taken prior to item 6. However, for ease of referencing these minutes reflect the order of business itemised on the agenda for the meeting.]

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

An apology was received from G.B. Thomas.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST.**

Councillor Rob James	6 – Dispensation Application by Councillor A.R. Bargoli.	Cllr. James has an ongoing prejudicial interest in regard to the community group Caru Lliedi.
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**3. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE HELD ON THE:**

**3.1. 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2022**

An observation was raised that the minutes incorrectly stated M. Dodd as a Councillor.

**RESOLVED** that subject to the amendment, the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2022 be signed as a correct record,

**3.2. 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 be signed as a correct record,

**4. DISPENSATION APPLICATION BY COUNCILLOR EDWARD THOMAS**

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Edward Thomas of Carmarthenshire County Council for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak and make written representations in respect of business relating to 30 Bridge Street, Llandeilo which is in a state of disrepair.

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Thomas had a personal and prejudicial interest in this matter by virtue of paragraph of paragraph 10 (2)(a) of the Members Code of Conduct as a local member for Llandeilo and Dyffryn Cennen and 30 Bridge Street, Llandeilo which adjoins his property.

Members noted that Councillor Edwards' application was not to seek dispensation to exercise any executive or cabinet function in relation to the property and that should the matter reach a position of discussion in Council or Cabinet, he would declare an interest and withdraw from any vote.

Following a discussion it was

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that dispensation be granted under Regulations 2 (d) and (f) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to enable County Councillor Edward Thomas in his capacity as the local member for Llandeilo and Dyffryn Cennen to **SPEAK AND MAKE WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS** in regard to reporting matters relating to 30 Bridge Street, Llandeilo and the dispensation be valid until the end of the current electoral term.

## 5. DISPENSATION APPLICATION BY COUNCILLOR RUSSELL SPARKS

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Russell Sparks of Carmarthenshire County Council for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak and make written representations in respect of business regarding the provision of leisure services in the County, particularly the provision of swimming pools and swimming lessons by the Council.

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Sparks had a personal and prejudicial interest in this matter by virtue of paragraph of paragraph 10 (2)(a) of the Members Code of Conduct as he provided provision of leisure services in the County particularly the provision of swimming pools and swimming lessons by the Council.

In consideration of the fact that Councillor Sparks provided a provision of swimming lessons at Carmarthen Leisure Centre, Members were of the opinion that a dispensation should not extend to any Council business directly relating to Carmarthen Leisure Centre swimming pool or the provision of swimming lessons at that pool.

Following a discussion, it was

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that dispensation be granted under Regulations 2 (c), (d) and (f) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Russell Sparks to **SPEAK AND MAKE WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS ONLY BUT NOT VOTE** at meetings of Carmarthenshire County Council on any council business relating to provision of leisure services in the County and that the dispensation does not extend to any council business relating to Carmarthen Leisure Centre swimming pool or the provision of swimming lessons at that pool.

## 6. DISPENSATION APPLICATION BY COUNCILLOR A. R. BRAGOLI

[Note:

- This item was taken after Agenda Item 7.
- Councillor Rob James having earlier declared a personal interest in this item and duly left the meeting prior to the consideration of the item].

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Andrew Ronald Bragoli of Llanelli Town Council for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak and make written representations in respect of business regarding Penygaer changing rooms.

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Bragoli had a personal and Prejudicial interest in this matter by virtue of paragraph of paragraph 10 (2)(a) of the Members Code of Conduct as he is a member of a community group called Caru Lliedi which is currently working with the Town Council in relation to a grant application in respect of the changing rooms.

Following a discussion, it was

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that dispensation be granted under Regulations 2 (c), (d) and (f) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Andrew Ronald Bragoli to **SPEAK AND MAKE WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS ONLY BUT NOT VOTE** at meetings of Llanelli Town Council on any council business relating to Penygaer Changing Rooms.

## **7. RECENT ADJUDICATION PANEL DECISIONS**

[Note: This item was taken prior to Agenda Item 6.]

The Committee considered three separate reports recently published by the Adjudication Panel for Wales (APW) detailing its findings in the cases of

- Former Councillor Paul Dowson;
- Former Councillor Caryl Vaughan;
- Former Councillor Gordon Lewis.

The Committee noted that in all 3 cases the individual in question was no longer a serving councillor but that the APW still imposed periods of disqualification ranging from 1-3 years.

In reference to the former Councillor Dowson case, the importance of including reference to the use of social media in Code of Conduct training was highlighted and requested that this be included in the future Code of Conduct training delivered by Carmarthenshire County Council.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the report be received.

## **8. ANY OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

Reference was made to the local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 and the requirement to write to the current Group Leaders to ensure that they were aware of the new duties placed upon them under the Act as discussed at the meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 [Minute 5 refers]. It was asked if the letter was in progress. The Legal Services Manager, in assuring the Committee members that the group leaders were fully aware of their duties in accordance with the Act, confirmed that a draft letter had been prepared and was in the process of being finalised.

In commenting that it would be beneficial for the Committee to receive progress on its actions, it was proposed that a rolling action register which provided a progress status on each of actions raised at a meeting of the Standards Committee be included onto the normal agenda of each Committee meeting as a standard agenda item. This was duly seconded.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that an action register be included onto the normal agenda of each Committee meeting as a standard agenda item.

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**CHAIR**

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**DATE**



## STANDARDS COMMITTEE

**24<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

<b>DISPENSATION APPLICATION BY COUNCILLOR A DAVIES</b>		
<b>Recommendations / key decisions required:</b> To consider the application and decide whether to grant Councillor Davies a dispensation.		
Reasons: Consideration of such applications fall within the remit of the committee		
Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted NO		
<b>Include date of Cttee (if known and any observations here <u>or</u> within the Consultations section)</b>		
Cabinet Decision Required		NO
Council Decision Required		NO
CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER: - Councillor Linda Evans		
Directorate: Name of Head of Service: Linda Rees-Jones Report Author: Robert Edgecombe	Designations:  Head of Administration and Law  Legal Services Manager	Tel: 01267 224018  Email addresses: rjedgeco@carmarthenshire.gov.uk

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
STANDARDS COMMITTEE  
24<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**DISPENSATION APPLICATION BY COUNCILLOR A DAVIES**

A dispensation application has been received from Councillor Ann Davies of Carmarthenshire County Council . Councillor Davies is a Cabinet Member.

Councillor Davies seeks dispensation to speak and make written representations to the Council’s Advisory Panels that are undertaking a review of the Council’s rural estate.

Councillor Davies has a personal interest in those reviews as her husband is a tenant on a Council farm which they have occupied since 1991

A reasonable member of the public with knowledge of these facts would be likely to conclude that this would influence the Councillor’s view of the wider public interest when it came to that review.

The application from Councillor Davies is attached to this report. The grounds upon which a dispensation can be granted are set out in the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations)(Wales) Regulations 2001 . The ground relied upon by Cllr Davies is that her participation is justified by her particular role and expertise. (Regulation 2(f))

In addition, the committee may feel that the further ground that her participation would not damage public confidence (Regulation 2(d)) is also relevant.

If the committee is minded to grant Councillor Davies a dispensation it will need to determine its duration.

**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: LRJones

Head of Administration and Law

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
<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: LRJones

Head of Administration and Law

1. Scrutiny Committee – n/a

2. Local Member(s) - n/a

3. Community / Town Council – n/a

4. Relevant Partners - n/a

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations - n/a

**EXECUTIVE BOARD PORTFOLIO  
HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED**

**No**

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

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Legal File	DPSC-203	County Hall Carmarthen

**APPLICATION TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE  
FOR DISPENSATION**

Please note that each section MUST be completed. Please refer to the attached  
Guidance Notes when completing the form.

**1. YOUR DETAILS**

Your full name: Celia Ann Davies

Name of your Council: Carmarthenshire County Council

Your address and postcode: Bremenda Uchaf, Llanarthne, Carmarthen SA32 8JX

Contact telephone number(s): 07891 534736

Email address: canndavies@carmarthenshire.gov.uk

**2. DETAILS OF YOUR INTEREST**

What is the matter under consideration?

Discussing the way the Council's farms will be used in the future and create a link between the farms and biodiversity

What is your interest in the above matter?

I live on a Council farm where my husband is the tenant.

When will the above matter be considered?

25 January

Are you applying for dispensation to:

Speak only:  X

Speak and vote:

Make written  
Representations  X

Exercise Executive  
Powers

### 3. GROUNDS FOR DISPENSATION

Regulations issued by the National Assembly for Wales prescribe the circumstances in which the Standards Committee may grant a dispensation. These grounds for granting a dispensation are summarised below and are set out in full in the attached guidance notes. On which of the following grounds do you believe that a dispensation should be granted in this case? Please tick the appropriate box(es).

• at least half of the members considering the business has an interest	<input type="checkbox"/>
• my inability to participate would upset the political balance of the meeting to such an extent that the outcome would be likely to be affected;	<input type="checkbox"/>
• my participation would not damage public confidence	<input type="checkbox"/>
• the interest is common to me and a significant proportion of the general public;	<input type="checkbox"/>
• my participation in the business is justified by my particular role or expertise;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X
• the business is to be considered by an overview and scrutiny committee and my interest is not a pecuniary interest;	<input type="checkbox"/>
• the business relates to the finances or property of a voluntary organisation of whose management committee or board I am a member and I have no other interest	<input type="checkbox"/>
• it is appropriate to do so in all the circumstances where not otherwise possible to make reasonable adjustments to accommodate a person's disability	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### 4. INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF YOUR APPLICATION

Please set out below the reasons why you consider that the Standards Committee should grant a dispensation in this case:

***(Please note that failure to complete this section will result in the application form being returned to you)***

I live on a Council farm and have been there since 1991. Gareth and I have just bought a farm locally so we won't be tenants in the near future.

However, I have an expertise in this area as I have been farming and living on the land for over 30 years. I am aware how the Council works with the farms and feel that no one else on the Panel/Committee will have this expertise. It is important that a voice and practical experience in this area is heard on this committee. I am also the Cabinet Member for Rural Affairs and so it is important that the voice of the industry can be heard around the table and for me to hear what is being discussed and decided.

I am very open to change because change is necessary to move forward but in doing so it is important to recognize current practice.

I would be grateful if you could grant a dispensation for me to speak on the Rural Affairs and Climate Change panel (joint committee).

*(please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)*

I confirm that the information provided on this form is true to the best of my knowledge. I agree that this application and all the information contained within it may form part of a public report to the Standards Committee. I request a dispensation in respect of the above matter.

Signed:

Date:

Please return this form to the Monitoring Officer, Chief Executive's Department, Carmarthenshire County Council, County Hall, Carmarthen, SA31 1JP.



## Guidance notes

- (1) Please read through the Code of Conduct and decide which of the paragraphs is most appropriate to your case. Brief details of the relevant paragraphs are noted in the table below. If you are unsure, please contact the Monitoring Officer for advice.

Para.	Type of personal interest
10(2)(a)	<p>Council business which relates to or is likely to affect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• your employment or business,</li> <li>• your employer, firm or company</li> <li>• a contract made between the Council and you</li> <li>• any land, lease or licence in which you have an interest</li> <li>• a public body or other association in which you have membership or hold a position of general control or management</li> </ul>
10(2)(c)	<p>Council business which affects your well-being or financial position, or the well-being, financial position or other interests of a person with whom you live or have a close personal association</p>
13	<p>Council business which is being considered by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee and which relates to a decision of the Cabinet or another Committee of which you were a member at the time [County Council only]</p>

- (2) The Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations)(Wales) Regulations 2001(as amended) state that a Standards Committee may grant dispensations where:

- (a) no fewer than half of the members of the relevant authority or of a committee of the authority (as the case may be) by which the business is to be considered has an interest which relates to that business;
- (b) no fewer than half of the members of a leader and cabinet executive of the relevant authority by which the business is to be considered has an interest which relates to that business and either paragraph (d) or (e) also applies;
- (c) in the case of a county or county borough council, the inability of the member to participate would upset the political balance of the relevant authority or of the committee of the authority by which the business is to be considered to such an extent that the outcome would be likely to be affected;
- (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;
- (e) the interest is common to the member and a significant proportion of the general public;
- (f) the participation of the member in the business to which the interest relates is justified by the member's particular role or expertise;
- (g) the business to which the interest relates is to be considered by an overview and scrutiny committee of the relevant authority and the member's interest is not a pecuniary interest;
- (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; or

- (i) it appears to the committee to be in the interests of the inhabitants of the area of the relevant authority that the disability should be removed provided that written notification of the grant of the dispensation is given to the National Assembly for Wales within seven days in such manner as it may specify.
- (j) It is considered appropriate in all the circumstances to do so where not otherwise possible to make reasonable adjustments to accommodate a persons disability

## STANDARDS COMMITTEE 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023

<b>DISPENSATION APPLICATION BY COUNCILLOR P H THOMAS</b>		
<b>Recommendations / key decisions required:</b> To consider the application and decide whether to grant Councillor Thomas a dispensation.		
Reasons: Consideration of such applications fall within the remit of the committee		
Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted NO		
<b>Include date of Cttee (if known and any observations here <u>or</u> within the Consultations section)</b>		
Cabinet Decision Required		NO
Council Decision Required		NO
CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER: - Councillor Linda Evans		
Directorate: Name of Head of Service: Linda Rees-Jones Report Author: Robert Edgecombe	Designations:  Head of Administration and Law  Legal Services Manager	Tel: 01267 224018  Email addresses: rjedgeco@carmarthenshire.gov.uk

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
STANDARDS COMMITTEE  
24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023**

**DISPENSATION APPLICATION BY COUNCILLOR P H  
THOMAS**

A dispensation application has been received from Councillor P H Thomas of St. Ishmael's Council .

Councillor Thomas seeks dispensation to speak and vote in relation to council business regarding the foreshore and cockling activities in the Three Rivers estuary.

Councillor Thomas has a personal interest in council business relating to such matters as he works in the cockling industry.

A reasonable member of the public with knowledge of these facts would be likely to conclude that this would influence the Councillor's view of the wider public interest when it came to Council decisions on the issue.

The Council has no decision making role in relation to the use of the foreshore or the permitting of cockling activities. The Council does not own any land affected by those activities however these activities are the subject of frequent discussion at council meetings.

The application from Councillor Thomas is attached to this report. The grounds upon which a dispensation can be granted are set out in the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations)(Wales) Regulations 2001 . Those relied upon by Cllr Thomas are

1. That his inability to participate would upset the political balance of the council to such an extent that the outcome would be likely to be affected. (Regulation 2(c)). This ground only applies to County and County Borough Councils
2. His participation would not damage public confidence (Regulation 2(d))
3. His participation is justified by his particular role and expertise. (Regulation 2(f))

If the committee is minded to grant Councillor Thomas a dispensation it will need to determine its duration.

<b>DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?</b>	<b>NO</b>
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## IMPLICATIONS

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Head of Administration and Law

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<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: LRJones

Head of Administration and Law

1. Scrutiny Committee – n/a

2. Local Member(s) - n/a

3. Community / Town Council – n/a

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**EXECUTIVE BOARD PORTFOLIO  
HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED**

**No**

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FOR DISPENSATION**

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Guidance Notes when completing the form.

**1. YOUR DETAILS**

Your full name:

*CLR PETER HOW THOMAS*

Name of your Council:

*ST ISHMAEL COMMUNITY COUNCIL*

Your address and postcode:

*ROUXVILLE 29 PRIORY STREET KIDWELLY SA17 4TY*

Contact telephone number(s):

*07970960306*

Email address:

*JACKO.P.H.THOMAS@GMAIL.COM*

**2. DETAILS OF YOUR INTEREST**

What is the matter under consideration?

*FORESHORE AND COCKLING ON THE THREE RIVERS*

What is your interest in the above matter?

*WORKING WITHIN THE INDUSTRY*

When will the above matter be considered?

*N/A*

Are you applying for dispensation to:

Speak only:

Speak and vote:

Make written  
Representations

Exercise Executive  
Powers

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• the interest is common to me and a significant proportion of the general public;	<input type="checkbox"/>
• my participation in the business is justified by my particular role or expertise;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• the business is to be considered by an overview and scrutiny committee and my interest is not a pecuniary interest;	<input type="checkbox"/>
• the business relates to the finances or property of a voluntary organisation of whose management committee or board I am a member and I have no other interest	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 4. INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF YOUR APPLICATION

Please set out below the reasons why you consider that the Standards Committee should grant a dispensation in this case:

**(Please note that failure to complete this section will result in the application form being returned to you)**

DUE TO LICENCING REQUIREMENTS, I AM THE ONLY REPRESENTATION ON THE COMMITTEE WITH KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE IN THIS FIELD WITHOUT MY CONTRIBUTION, I BELIEVE THERE IS A HIGH RISK THAT THE SAFETY OF WORKERS, FUTURE SECURITY OF THIS HISTORIC INDUSTRY AND ITS IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY COULD BE ADVERSELY IMPACTED WHEN MATTERS ARE PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL THEREFORE I KINDLY REQUEST DISPENSATION TO ENSURE FAIR AND ACCURATE DECISIONS CAN BE MADE WHICH WILL HELP MAINTAIN PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN THE ABILITY OF THE COMMUNITY

*(please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)*

I confirm that the information provided on this form is true to the best of my knowledge. I agree that this application and all the information contained within it may form part of a public report to the Standards Committee. I request a dispensation in respect of the above matter.

Signed: 

Date: 

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10(2)(b)	Council business in which there may be a conflict between your decision-making role and your role in representing constituents in your ward	
10(2)(c)	Council business which affects your well-being or financial position, or the well-being, financial position or other interests of a person with whom you live or have a close personal association	
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- (a) no fewer than half of the members of the relevant authority or of a committee of the authority (as the case may be) by which the business is to be considered has an interest which relates to that business;
- (b) no fewer than half of the members of a leader and cabinet executive of the relevant authority by which the business is to be considered has an interest which relates to that business and either paragraph (d) or (e) also applies;
- (c) in the case of a county or county borough council, the inability of the member to participate would upset the political balance of the relevant authority or of the committee of the authority by which the business is to be considered to such an extent that the outcome would be likely to be affected;
- (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;
- (e) the interest is common to the member and a significant proportion of the general public;
- (f) the participation of the member in the business to which the interest relates is justified by the member's particular role or expertise;
- (g) the business to which the interest relates is to be considered by an overview and scrutiny committee of the relevant authority and the member's interest is not a pecuniary interest;

- (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; or
- (i) it appears to the committee to be in the interests of the inhabitants of the area of the relevant authority that the disability should be removed provided that written notification of the grant of the dispensation is given to the National Assembly for Wales within seven days in such manner as it may specify.

