

# STANDARDS COMMITTEE

9/6/17

## APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR PHILIP NIGEL THOMPSON

### 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)

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
STANDARDS COMMITTEE  
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An application for dispensation to speak only has been received from Councillor Philip Nigel Thompson of Kidwelly Town Council in relation to his involvement with;

1. Ynghyd Community Interest Company (of which he is a director)
2. Kidwelly Community Hub (of which he is a member of the management committee).
3. Kidwelly Luncheon Club (which is jointly run by the above organisations)

Councillor Thompson has a personal interest in this matter by virtue of the following paragraphs of the Code of Conduct;

1. 10(2)(a)(ix)(bb) as the matter relates to or is likely to affect a company in which he holds a position of general control or management
2. 10(2)(a)(ix)(ee) as the matter relates to or is likely to affect a private association in which he holds a position of general control or management

This interest is also a prejudicial interest as a member of the public, with full knowledge of the facts, would reasonably regard that interest as so significant as to prejudice the Councillor's judgement of the public interest.

The application is submitted on 4 grounds specified in the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation)(Wales) Regulations 2001 namely;

- (d) participation would not damage public confidence
- (f) participation justified due to the member's particular role or expertise
- (g) the business is to be considered by an overview or scrutiny committee (this ground does not apply in these circumstances)
- (h) the business relates to a voluntary organisation and the councillor has no other interest in that matter (the committee may only grant a dispensation to speak under this ground).

Cllr Thompson was granted a similar dispensation in January 2017

If the committee is minded to grant the application, it has an absolute discretion as to duration, it may grant it until the end of the Councillor's term of office, or some other date, such as the date of a future meeting of this committee.

**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 <b>NONE</b>	Legal <b>NONE</b>	Finance <b>NONE</b>	ICT <b>NONE</b>	Risk Management Issues <b>NONE</b>	Staffing Implications <b>NONE</b>	Physical Assets <b>NONE</b>
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## 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** 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-153	Legal Services, County Hall