

# STANDARDS COMMITTEE

## 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017

### APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR G SQUIRES

**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

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## STANDARDS COMMITTEE

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An application for dispensation to speak and vote and make written representations in respect of applications for financial assistance by the Ferryside OAP Club and St. Ishmael's United Parish has been received from Councillor G Squires of St. Ishmaels Community Council. (Copy attached)

Councillor Squires has a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2) (a) (ix) (ee) in that the business in question will relate to a private club, society or association operating in the authority's area in which she is a member.

These interests are prejudicial as a member of the public with knowledge of the facts would reasonably regard those interests as so significant as to be likely to influence the Councillor's judgement of the public interest.

Councillor Squire's application is based on the following grounds in the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations)(Wales) Regulations 2001;

1. Paragraph (d) that her participation will not damage public confidence.
2. Paragraph (e) that the interest is common to her and a significant proportion of the public.
3. Paragraph (f) that her participation is justified by her particular role or expertise
4. Paragraph (g) the business is to be considered by an overview or scrutiny committee
5. Paragraph (h) the business relates to the finances of a voluntary organisation of whose management she is a member and she has no other interest

Of these grounds, paragraphs (e) and (g) do not apply in this case, whilst paragraph (h) would only allow Councillor Squires to speak (but not vote or make written representations) on these matters.

If the committee is minded to grant a dispensation, it has an absolute discretion as to duration. It may wish to grant the dispensation until one of its scheduled meetings, some other date or until the Councillor's term of office comes to an end.

**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
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

*(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**

<b>Title of Document</b>	<b>File Ref No.</b>	<b>Locations that the papers are available for public inspection</b>
<b>Legal file</b>	<b>DPSC-154</b>	<b>Legal Services, County Hall</b>