

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

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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
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An application for dispensation to speak and make written representations in respect of any council business relating to or likely to affect farming and agriculture has been received from the above County Councillors.

The Councillors potentially have a personal interest in such business by virtue of paragraphs 10(2) (a)(i), 10(2)(a)(iv), 10(2)(b)(i) and 10(2)(b)(ii) of the members code of conduct in that they are all either actively engaged in farming in the County, own farm land which is actively farmed by others or have close personal associates who are actively engaged in farming.

Those interests should also be considered prejudicial member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard the interests as so significant that they would be likely to prejudice the councillors' judgement of the public interest.

The application is made on 2 grounds set out in the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations)(Wales) Regulations 2001 namely;

1. The Councillors participation in such matters would not damage public confidence in the conduct of the Council's business
2. That their participation is justified by their particular expertise

Councillors Gareth Thomas and Jean Lewis have previously been granted dispensations in respect of these matters, which expired at the end of their previous term of office.

If the committee is minded to approve the application they have absolute discretion as to the duration of any dispensation granted.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?

YES

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

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