

# STANDARDS COMMITTEE

06/12/17

## APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR ARWEL DAVIES

### 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  
06/12/17**

**APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR ARWEL  
DAVIES**

An application for dispensation has been received from County Councillor Arwel Davies in respect of his role as a working farmer in the County. Councillor Davies seeks dispensation to speak and make written representations in respect of his role, but not to vote.

By virtue of paragraphs 10(2)(a)(i) and (vi) of the Members Code of Conduct Councillor Davies would have a personal interest in any Council business relating to or likely to affect the farming industry.

This interest would also be prejudicial as a member of the public would be likely to regard that interest as so significant that it would prejudice Councillor Davies's judgement of the wider public interest.

Councillor Davies requests that a dispensation be granted on two of the grounds set out in the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations)(Wales) Regulations 2001, namely;

1. That his participation in any business relating to farming would not prejudice public confidence
2. That his participation in such business is justified by his particular role or expertise.

The Committee will recall considering an identical application from several other County Councillors at their meeting in September 2017, when they granted the application until the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

Given that there are a number of other County Councillors who are also farmers, the Monitoring Officer requests delegated authority to grant dispensations to them (if so requested) on identical terms to those granted by the Committee at its meeting September 2017

**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

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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-155	Legal Services, County Hall