

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE  
3RD DECEMBER 2015**

**APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR G THOMAS**

**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 DATE

## APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR G THOMAS

An application for dispensation has been received from County Councillor Gareth Thomas to speak and/or make written representations concerning any matter relating to farming in general.

Councillor Thomas has a personal interest in such matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(a)(i) of the Code of Conduct as they relate to any employment or business carried on by Councillor Thomas who is himself a farmer.

This interest is also prejudicial as a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant 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 2 grounds specified in the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations)(Wales) Regulations 2001, namely;  
(d) No damage to public confidence  
(f) Participation is justified by the member's special expertise.

Councillor Thomas was granted a dispensation on similar terms (but limited to matters relating to dairy farming only) on the 29<sup>th</sup> July 2015. This dispensation expires on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015. Councillor Thomas was also granted a dispensation in 2013, but this related to a different interest.

If the committee is minded to grant the application, it has an absolute discretion as to duration. It may grant the dispensation until the end of the Councillor's term of office, or until the Committee's meetings on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2016 or 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016.

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: **L. Rees-Jones**

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: **L. 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- XXX	Legal Services, County Hall