

CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

APPLICATION for a dispensation under Section 2 of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001

The Carmarthenshire County Council Standards Committee are requested to grant the Member/s listed below a Dispensation to cover the interest/s declared in Section 2 below. My reasons for requesting same are set out in Section 4

SECTION 1	Name(s) of Member(s)	Name of member's authority
	Cllr. Gareth Thomas Cllr. Jean Lewis	Carmarthenshire

SECTION 2	Matter to be discussed on which member seeks dispensation
	Farming in general.
Date of meeting at which the matter is to be discussed:	

Dispensation being sought to speak and vote	
Dispensation being sought to speak only	

SECTION 3	The interest which the member must disclose, and the nature of that interest in relation to the matter to be discussed
	We both are farmers, working and farming in the county.

SECTION 4	Criteria for seeking dispensation
~ 50% of members affected	
~ Political balance would be affected (county borough only)	
~ No damage to public confidence	X
~ Common interest with general public	
~ Justified because of special expertise	X
~ Scrutiny committee business <u>and</u> not financial interest	
~ Voluntary organisation <u>and</u> not financial interest	
~ In the interests of inhabitants	
<i>(See appendix for more details)</i>	

SECTION 5	Reason/s in support of my/our application (use a separate sheet of paper if necessary)
	<p>Any issues relating to farming, especially dairy farming in the County and the problems it faces are often the subject of discussion and debate in council meetings. Two meetings of the Full Council have taken place already this year when it considered a notice of motion in relation to the plight of the industry.</p> <p>We feel that we have considerable expertise which would be of benefit to any future debate or discussion and that it would not harm public confidence in the conduct of the Council's business if we were allowed to speak on such matters or make written representation.</p>

SIGNED G. Anderson J. J. Lewis (Member of County Council)

DATED: 11/11/15