

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE
3RD DECEMBER 2015**

APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR A SMITH

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 3RD DECEMBER 2015

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An application for dispensation to speak and vote has been received from Councillor Alexander Smith of Ammanford Town Council in respect of matters relating to the Ammanford Enterprise Partnership Limited. (Copy attached)

Councillor Smith has a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(x)(c)(v) of the Code in that his partner is a Director of the company and paragraph 10(2)(ix)(bb) in that he appears to be a member of that company.

This interest is also prejudicial as a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard the interest as so significant that it would be likely to prejudice the Councillor's judgement of the public interest when dealing with applications from the company to the Council for financial assistance, or in respect of other dealings between the company and the council.

The application is submitted on the following grounds in the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations)(Wales) Regulations 2001, namely;

- (d) no damage to public confidence
- (e) common interest with the general public
- (f) the member's particular role or expertise
- (h) relates to the finances of a voluntary organisation (would not allow Cllr to vote)
- (i) in the interests of the inhabitants of the area

Of these it is suggested that (d), (f) and (h) are the most appropriate

If the committee is minded to grant the application, it has absolute discretion as to its duration. It may grant the dispensation for the remainder of the councillor's term of office or until its meetings on the 11th March 2016 or 10th June 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
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: 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-140	Legal Services, County Hall