# STANDARDS COMMITTEE 14/09//20

## APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR DOROTHY JONES

### 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:- Clir E Dole (Leader)

Directorate

**Chief Executives** 

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A dispensation application has been received from County Councillor Dorothy Jones to speak and vote in respect of any council business relating to the provision of home to school transport, in particular proceedings of the advisory panel established by the Executive Board to look into this issue, of which Cllr. Jones is a member.

Councillor Jones would have a personal interest in such council business by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(b)(i) of the members code of conduct as she is the parent of school age children living in the County. This personal interest would also be 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.

Councillor Jones has submitted her application on the basis of three grounds set out in the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations)(Wales) regulations 2011 (as amended) namely;

- 1. That the nature of her interest is such that her participation in the business to which the interest relates would not damage public confidence
- 2. That her interest is common to a significant proportion of the general public
- 3. That her participation is justified by her particular role or expertise.

Cllr Jones was granted a dispensation in respect of this interest on the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020 but has not yet had an opportunity to make use of it.

If the committee is minded to grant Councillor Jones a dispensation in respect of this interest it has absolute discretion as to the duration of that dispensation.

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	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-182	Legal Services, County Hall

