

STANDARDS COMMITTEE
21/11/2022

DISPENSATION APPLICATION BY GORSLAS COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS S. D. MARTIN, R. JAMES, N. LEWIS, E. GOLDSMITH

Recommendations / key decisions required:

To consider the attached application

Reasons:

The determination of dispensation applications forms part of the committee's remit

Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted NO

Include date of Cttee (if known and any observations here or within the Consultations section)

Cabinet Decision Required NO

Council Decision Required YES

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER: - Councillor Linda Evans

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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A dispensation application has been received from the Clerk to Gorslas Community Council on behalf 4 councillors who are governors of schools within the administrative area of the community council.

The application is to both speak and vote.

The Councillors have a personal interest in council business relating to the schools of which they are governors by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(a)(ix)(aa) of the members code of conduct.

The exemption in paragraph 12(2)(a)(iv) of the code relating to school governors would not apply if the council business related to the specific school of which the councillor was a governor.

The application is made on the ground that to enable the councillors to participate in council business relating to their individual schools would not damage public confidence in the conduct of that business.

The attached application sets out in detail the nature of the interests and the basis upon which dispensation is sought.

Committee members should also be aware that dispensations to speak and vote were granted to 7 Gorslas councillors (including 1 of the current applicants) in respect of the same interest in 2016. Dispensations were also granted to 4 Gorslas councillors in 2017, again to speak and vote. Two of the councillors granted dispensation in 2017 are amongst the current applicants. In 2016 and 2017 dispensations were granted until the end of the councillor's terms of office

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES

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: LRees-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

1. Scrutiny Committee None

2. Local Member(s) None

3. Community / Town Council All Town and Community Councils have been consulted as outlined in the Executive Summary

4. Relevant Partners None

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations None

**CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S)
AWARE/CONSULTED**

No

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Legal Department File	DPSC-200	County Hall