STANDARDS COMMITTEE 21/11/2022

DISPENSATION APPLICATION BY GORSLAS COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS D. W. EDWARDS, C. GREEN, T. JUKES N. LEWIS A. KING

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

Cabinet Decision Required NO

Council Decision Required YES

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER: - Councillor Linda Evans

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY STANDARDS COMMITTEE 21/11/22

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A dispensation application has been received from the Clerk to Gorslas Community Council on behalf 5 councillors who are members of 2 different welfare associations 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 these welfare associations by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(a)(ix)(ee) of the members code of conduct.

The application is made on the ground that to enable the councillors to participate in council business relating to their respective welfare associations would not damage public confidence in the conduct of that business and that the interest relates to a voluntary organisation in which the councillor has a management role and that the councillor has no other personal interest.

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 15 Gorslas councillors (including 3 of the current applicants) in respect of the same interest in 2015. Dispensations were also granted to 4 Gorslas councillors in 2016 (namely the 4 current applicants), again to speak and vote. In 2017 dispensations were again granted to the same 4 councillors to speak and vote in respect of these interests. The 2015 dispensation was granted for 6 months but 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 & **ICT** Legal Finance Risk Staffing Physical Disorder and Management **Implications Assets** Equalities Issues 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)	No
AWARE/CONSULTED	

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

