

# STANDARDS COMMITTEE

12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022

## DISPENSATION APPLICATION BY COUNCILLOR EDWARD THOMAS

### Recommendations / key decisions required:

To consider the application and decide whether to grant Councillor Thomas a dispensation.

### Reasons:

Consideration of such applications fall within the remit of the committee

Cabinet Decision Required                      NO

Council Decision Required                      NO

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER: - Councillor Linda Evans

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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A dispensation application has been received from Councillor Edward Thomas of Carmarthenshire County Council.

Councillor Thomas seeks dispensation to speak and make written representations only in relation to council business regarding no 30 Bridge Street, Llandeilo which is in a state of disrepair.

Councillor Thomas has a personal and prejudicial interest in council business relating to the property as it adjoins his garden and therefore any council decision regarding the property will be likely to affect land owned by Councillor Thomas. A reasonable member of the public with knowledge of these facts would be likely to conclude that this would influence Councillor Thomas's view of the wider public interest when it came to the Council deciding what enforcement action (if any) should be taken.

The attached application from Councillor Thomas sets out the grounds upon which the application is made and stresses that he does not seek dispensation to exercise any executive or cabinet function in relation to the property.

If the committee is minded to grant Councillor Thomas a dispensation it will need to determine its duration.

**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
<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>

## 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 – n/a
2. Local Member(s) - n/a
3. Community / Town Council – n/a
4. Relevant Partners - n/a
5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations - n/a

**CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER 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 File	DPSC-201	County Hall Carmarthen