

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

03/04/2023

DISPENSATION APPLICATION BY COUNCILLOR BETSAN JONES

Purpose: To consider the application and determine whether to grant dispensation

To consider and comment on the following issues:

- To decide whether to grant the dispensation application

Reasons:

- Cllr Jones has a personal and prejudicial interest which would otherwise prevent her participating in this council business

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER: Not Applicable

Directorate		
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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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Dispensation Application by Cllr Betsan Jones

County Councillor Betsan Jones has submitted a dispensation request in relation to council business regarding the Council's Modernising Education Programme (MEP) and the review and remodelling of the footprint of primary schools across the County.

Councillor Jones would have a personal and prejudicial interest in such business as her son is the headteacher of Ysgol Gymraeg Teilo Sant in Llandeilo and is therefore affected by both the MEP and the primary schools review.

Councillor Jones seeks dispensation to speak and vote and make written representations, on the following grounds under the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations)(Wales) Regulations 2001

Regulation 2(2)(d) – the nature of the member's interest is such that the member's participation in the business to which the interest relates would not damage public confidence in the conduct of the relevant authority's business.

And

Regulation 2(2)(f) – the participation of the member in the business to which the interest relates is justified by the members particular role or expertise.

If the committee is minded to grant Councillor Jones 's request it will need to determine the duration of that dispensation

The committee will note that Cllr Jones is also a governor of Ysgol Y Betws and Ysgol Feithrin Rhydaman. Whilst these appointments give rise to personal interests they are not prejudicial by virtue of paragraph 12 of the Members Code of Conduct.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?	NO
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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: *LRJones*

Head of Administration and Law

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

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED NO	N/A
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**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

There are none.