

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

03/04/2023

DISPENSATION APPLICATION BY COUNCILLOR CHERYL 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 Cheryl Jones

Llanarthne Community Councillor Cheryl Jones has submitted a dispensation request in relation to council business regarding electricity transmission from Nant Mithil Energy Park and other energy park developments to a grid connection in Carmarthenshire.

This is part of the Bute Energy Towy Usk Grid connection scheme.

Councillor Jones would have a personal and prejudicial interest in such business as she and close personal associates of hers would be affected by the proposals put forward by Bute Energy.

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

Given the volume of dispensation requests being received in relation to this issue, the committee may wish to consider granting delegated authority to the Monitoring Officer to grant dispensations in the event that further requests are received.

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.