

# STANDARDS COMMITTEE

16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024

## DISPENSATION APPLICATION BY COUNCILLOR ALED DAVIES, COUNCILLOR ALUN DAVIES, COUNCILLOR ARWEL DAVIES, COUNCILLOR MARK HARRIES, COUNCILLOR ANDREW THOMAS

### 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:

Cllrs Aled Davies, Alun Davies, Arwel Davies, Mark Harris, Andrew Thomas have a personal and prejudicial interest which would otherwise prevent their participating in this council business

### CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER: Not Applicable

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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A dispensation application has submitted by the clerk to Manordeilo and Salem Community Council on behalf of 5 councillors to speak and vote and make written representations in relation to council business regarding the Bute Energy Towy Usk Energy Scheme

Each councillor would have a personal and prejudicial interest in such business. Details of their interests are set out in a schedule annexed to the dispensation application, which is attached to this report.

The Councillors seek dispensation on the following grounds under the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001

Regulation 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.

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

The application references the fact that these 5 councillors make up 41% of the total membership of the Council.

The committee has previously granted dispensations to other councillors from Llanwrda Community Council (1), Llandeilo Town Council (1), Llanarthne Community Council (3) and Carmarthenshire County Council (3) in respect of similar interests. In each case the dispensation was granted to speak only or speak and make written representations.

If the committee is minded to grant the request it will need to determine the duration of the dispensation.

**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: Linda 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: *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**

N/A

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

There are none.