

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE**  
**11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015**

**APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR SHAHID HUSSAIN**

**Recommendations / key decisions required:**

To consider and determine the application

**Reasons:**

The subject matter of this report falls within the remit of the Committee

Scrutiny Committee recommendations / comments:

Not applicable

Exec Board Decision Required                      NO

Council Decision Required                         NO

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- Cllr E Dole (Leader)

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY STANDARDS COMMITTEE 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015

## APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR SHAHID HUSSAIN

An application has been received from Councillor Shahid Hussain of Cwmamman Town Council for the grant of a dispensation to speak and vote in respect of the relocation of Glanamman Post Office.

The issue is to be discussed at a meeting of the Town Council on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2015.

Councillor Hussain has a personal interest in the matter by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(a)(i) of the code of conduct as it relates to and is likely to affect a business carried on by him. This is because the proposed site of the relocated post office is a petrol station owned by Councillor Hussain.

Councillor Hussain's interest is also prejudicial as a member of the public, with knowledge of Councillor Hussain's business and financial interest in the issue would reasonably regard that interest as so significant as to be likely to prejudice his judgement of the wider public interest.

Councillor Hussain requests that a dispensation be granted under regulation 2(f) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations)(Wales) Regulations 2001 in that his participation is justified because of his particular role or expertise. Councillor Hussain submits that his previous experience of such post office re-locations and the financial implications that result is unique amongst members of the Council and that if he were unable to participate the Council would be at risk of making a decision without all relevant information.

If the committee is minded to grant the application it has absolute discretion as to the duration of the dispensation. It may be limited solely to the meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September, granted for a longer duration (eg to the meetings of the Standards Committee on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015 or the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016) or to last for the remainder of his term of office.

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
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: Linda Rees Jones

Head of Administration and Law

*(Please specify the outcomes of consultations undertaken where they arise against the following headings)*

**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*

## Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

**THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW**

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Legal file	DPSC-0000	Legal Services, County Hall