

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

9TH DECEMBER 2024

DISPENSATION REQUEST BY COUNCILLOR CARYS JONES

Recommendations / key decisions required:

Determine whether to grant the request and, if granted, the duration of the dispensation

Reasons:

In accordance with the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001

Cabinet Decision Required NO

Council Decision Required NO

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- Not applicable

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
STANDARDS COMMITTEE
09/12/2024

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A dispensation request has been received from County Councillor Carys Jones to speak and make written representations in relation to Council business regarding the future of Llansteffan School.

Councillor Jones is a LEA nominated governor of the Bancyfelin, Llangain and Llansteffan Schools Federation and also has a close historical relationship with Ysgol Llansteffan as it is her local school. Councillor Jones considers that she has a close personal relationship with the school that has developed over many years which is sufficient to create a personal interest under the code. A member of the public, knowing of this connection might reasonably conclude that it would influence Cllr Jones' judgement when considering matters relating to the school.

Therefore whilst Cllr Jones' role as a LEA appointed governor would be a personal but NOT prejudicial interest, by virtue of paragraph 12 (2)(a)(iii) of the code, her close personal relationship with the school would be both a personal and prejudicial interest by virtue of paragraphs 10(2)(c)(i) and 12(1) of the code.

Councillor Jones seeks dispensation to speak and vote and to make written representations on 2 grounds in the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001. However, the most relevant ground is

Regulation 2(d) the nature of the members interest in such that their participating in the business to which the interest relates would not damage public confidence.

AND

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

If the committee is minded to grant the dispensation request, its duration will also need to be determined.

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: **Stephen P Murphy**

Head of Law Governance and Civil Services

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets	Bio-diversity & Climate Change
NONE	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:

Stephen P Murphy

Head of Law Governance and Civil Services

1. Scrutiny Committee request for pre-determination

NA

2. Local Member(s) NA

3. Community / Town Council NA

4. Relevant Partners NA

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations NA

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED

NA

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

THERE ARE NONE