

STANDARDS COMMITTEE
13/06/2022

DISPENSATION APPLICATION

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MANSEL CHARLES, HEFIN JONES and ELWYN WILLIAMS**

Recommendations / key decisions required:

To consider the application from the above councillors and decide whether or not to grant the dispensation sought

Reasons:

The consideration of dispensation applications is one of the functions of the Committee

Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted NA

Cabinet Decision Required NA

Council Decision Required NA

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- Cllr Linda Evans

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A group dispensation application has been received from 9 County Councils to speak, vote and make written representations in respect of farming and agricultural matters generally.

These councillors would have a personal and prejudicial interest in Council business relating to this issue as they are either actively engaged in farming activities, are close personal associates of those that do, or own or rent agricultural land used for farming activities.

Information regarding each councillor's personal interest, the grounds upon which they seek dispensation, and supporting information are set out in the attached application.

All these councillors (apart from Cllr. Elwyn Williams) have previously been granted dispensation to speak and make written representations on these issues in 2017, 2018 and 2019 and have used the dispensations granted to participate in debates in Full Council.

The councillors suggest that should dispensation be granted, it be subject to the caveat outlined in the application, as on previous occasions.

Should the committee decide to grant these councillors a dispensation it has an absolute discretion as to how long it should last.

If dispensations are granted the committee may wish to consider granting delegated authority to the Monitoring Officer to grant dispensation to other councillors with such interests in farming and agriculture, on the same terms as granted by the committee. This is something the committee has done previously in 2019.

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: *LRJones*

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** - it is suggested that such consultation take place
4. **Relevant Partners** - not applicable
5. **Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations** - not applicable

CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED

NO

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

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Legal Services file	DPSC-197	County Hall, Carmarthen