

**APPLICATION TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE
FOR DISPENSATION**

Please note that each section **MUST** be completed. Please refer to the attached
Guidance Notes when completing the form.

1. YOUR DETAILS

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2. DETAILS OF YOUR INTEREST

What is the matter under consideration?

Any matters relating to domiciliary care or day service provision for adults with learning disabilities in the County of Carmarthenshire

What is your interest in the above matter?

Employed in administration of an organisation, Perthyn, that is contracted to provide domiciliary care and day services for adults with learning disabilities in Carmarthenshire, contracted by Carmarthenshire County Council

When will the above matter be considered?

Future meetings of the Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee and at meetings of Carmarthenshire County Council (and any meetings of Llanelli Town Council of which I am also an elected member) and its committees and sub-committees.

Are you applying for dispensation to:

Speak only:

Speak and vote:

Make written
Representations

Exercise Executive
Powers

3. GROUNDS FOR DISPENSATION

Regulations issued by the National Assembly for Wales prescribe the circumstances in which the Standards Committee may grant a dispensation. These grounds for granting a dispensation are summarised below and are set out in full in the attached guidance notes. On which of the following grounds do you believe that a dispensation should be granted in this case? Please tick the appropriate box(es).

• at least half of the members considering the business has an interest	<input type="checkbox"/>
• my inability to participate would upset the political balance of the meeting to such an extent that the outcome would be likely to be affected;	<input type="checkbox"/>
• my participation would not damage public confidence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• the interest is common to me and a significant proportion of the general public;	<input type="checkbox"/>
• my participation in the business is justified by my particular role or expertise;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• the business is to be considered by an overview and scrutiny committee and my interest is not a pecuniary interest;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• the business relates to the finances or property of a voluntary organisation of whose management committee or board I am a member and I have no other interest	<input type="checkbox"/>
• it is appropriate to do so in all the circumstances where not otherwise possible to make reasonable adjustments to accommodate a person's disability	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF YOUR APPLICATION

Please set out below the reasons why you consider that the Standards Committee should grant a dispensation in this case:

(Please note that failure to complete this section will result in the application form being returned to you)

It is being proposed to be allocated a place on the Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee of Carmarthenshire County Council.

I am currently employed by an organisation, Perthyn, that is contracted by Carmarthenshire County Council to provide domiciliary and day care services for adults with learning disabilities in the County of Carmarthenshire (and other local authorities).

My role is as a Support Services Administrator for the organisation in Carmarthenshire, Pembrokeshire and the City and County of Swansea.

Should there be a general discussion on the provision of services to adults with learning disabilities then I would like to be able to speak and vote on such matters with the confidence that I have been awarded dispensation by the Standards Committee to do so on such matters.

I believe that my knowledge and experience of this particular area of social care would enable me to make a valuable contribution to the workings of the Scrutiny Committee and provide insight into the sector to the benefit of the Committee.

In the event of the discussion being specifically about my employer or the provision of contracts to my employer (or a company or organisation of similar purpose) then I would declare an interest in the matter and withdraw from the discussion or consideration of such matters.

Could this dispensation also apply in the same manner should the matter be raised at meetings of the full Carmarthenshire County Council and Llanelli Town Council.

As an administrator for the organisation, my participation would have no reduction of public confidence.

I have no pecuniary interest in the matters to be considered.

In the event that the discussion or decisions could impact upon any pecuniary interests of my employer then I would declare an interest in the matter and reclude myself from the meeting and any voting. Otherwise, my participation in a general discussion would enable my experience to be a positive contribution to the discussion.

I confirm that the information provided on this form is true to the best of my knowledge. I agree that this application and all the information contained within it may form part of a public report to the Standards Committee. I request a dispensation in respect of the above matter.

Signed: **John P. Jenkins**

Date: 13/09/2022

Please return this form to the Monitoring Officer, Chief Executive's Department, Carmarthenshire County Council, County Hall, Carmarthen, SA31 1JP.

Guidance notes

- (1) Please read through the Code of Conduct and decide which of the paragraphs is most appropriate to your case. Brief details of the relevant paragraphs are noted in the table below. If you are unsure, please contact the Monitoring Officer for advice.

Para.	Type of personal interest
10(2)(a)	Council business which relates to or is likely to affect: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • your employment or business, • your employer, firm or company • a contract made between the Council and you • any land, lease or licence in which you have an interest • a public body or other association in which you have membership or hold a position of general control or management
10(2)(c)	Council business which affects your well-being or financial position, or the well-being, financial position or other interests of a person with whom you live or have a close personal association
13	Council business which is being considered by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee and which relates to a decision of the Cabinet or another Committee of which you were a member at the time [County Council only]

- (2) The Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations)(Wales) Regulations 2001(as amended) state that a Standards Committee may grant dispensations where:

- (a) no fewer than half of the members of the relevant authority or of a committee of the authority (as the case may be) by which the business is to be considered has an interest which relates to that business;
- (b) no fewer than half of the members of a leader and cabinet executive of the relevant authority by which the business is to be considered has an interest which relates to that business and either paragraph (d) or (e) also applies;
- (c) in the case of a county or county borough council, the inability of the member to participate would upset the political balance of the relevant authority or of the committee of the authority by which the business is to be considered to such an extent that the outcome would be likely to be affected;
- (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;

- (e) the interest is common to the member and a significant proportion of the general public;
- (f) the participation of the member in the business to which the interest relates is justified by the member's particular role or expertise;
- (g) the business to which the interest relates is to be considered by an overview and scrutiny committee of the relevant authority and the member's interest is not a pecuniary interest;
- (h) the business which is to be considered relates to the finances or property of a voluntary organisation of whose management committee or board the member is a member otherwise than as a representative of the relevant authority and the member has no other interest in that business provided that any dispensation shall not extend to participation in any vote with respect to that business; or
- (i) it appears to the committee to be in the interests of the inhabitants of the area of the relevant authority that the disability should be removed provided that written notification of the grant of the dispensation is given to the National Assembly for Wales within seven days in such manner as it may specify.
- (j) It is considered appropriate in all the circumstances to do so where not otherwise possible to make reasonable adjustments to accommodate a persons disability