

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE**  
**21/11/2022**

**DISPENSATION APPLICATION BY COUNCILLORS JEAN LEWIS, ANN DAVIES, GARETH BEYNON THOMAS, KEN HOWELL, HEFIN JONES, ARWEL DAVIES, MANSEL CHARLES, TYSSUL EVANS, LINDA DAVIES EVANS, ANDREW DAVIES, BRYAN DAVIES, HAZEL EVANS AND ELWYN WILLIAMS**

**Recommendations / key decisions required:**

To consider the application and decide whether to grant each Councillor a dispensation.

**Reasons:**

Consideration of such applications fall within the remit of the committee

Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted NO

**Include date of Cttee (if known and any observations here or within the Consultations section)**

Exec. Board Decision Required NO

Council Decision Required NO

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER: - Councillor Linda Evans

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
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**DISPENSATION APPLICATION BY COUNCILLORS Jean Lewis, Ann Davies, Gareth Beynon Thomas, Ken Howell, Hefin Jones, Arwel Davies, Mansel Charles, Tyssul Evans, Kim Broom, Linda Davies Evans, Andrew Davies, Bryan Davies, Hazel Evans and Elwyn Williams**

A joint dispensation application has been received from a group of Carmarthenshire County Council members who wish to speak and vote in relation to a proposed motion on notice relating to TB testing, which is to be considered at a forthcoming meeting of full council.

The Councillors have a personal and prejudicial interest in that council business as they are all farmers (or are related to farmers) who farm cattle and therefore have involvement with the TB testing requirements.

The committee has previously granted dispensation to these members to speak but not vote in relation to farming/agriculture generally. This was however subject to a caveat that it does not apply to council business that relates directly to the specific farm or agricultural land or activity which gives rise to the councillor's personal interest.

Advice has been given by the Monitoring Officer that this caveat means that this previous dispensation would not permit the relevant members to participate in the debate on this particular motion and therefore that a further, more specific dispensation, should be requested.

The attached application sets out the grounds upon which the application is made and contains a supporting statement.

If the committee is minded to grant the application 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: LRJones

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 – n/a

2. Local Member(s) - n/a

3. Community / Town Council – n/a

4. Relevant Partners - n/a

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations - n/a

**EXECUTIVE BOARD 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 File	DPSC-200	County Hall Carmarthen