

Meeting of:	Standards Committee
Date of Meeting:	Thursday, 30 January 2025
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	No Relevant Scrutiny Committee
Report Title:	Applications for Dispensation
Purpose of Report:	To consider any applications for dispensation received
Report Owner:	Victoria Davidson, Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal and Democratic Services
Responsible Officer:	Karen Bowen, Principal Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer
Elected Member and Officer Consultation:	This report does not involve any consultation with other parties
Policy Framework:	This report is a matter for consideration by the Standards Committee
Executive Summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consider any applications for dispensation received, it being noted that at the time of dispatch of the agenda no applications have been received for consideration on 30th January, 2025. • Should any applications be received they will be forwarded to members of the Committee with a copy added to the Council's website alongside this agenda. 	

Recommendation

1. THAT the Standards Committee consider any applications received.

Reason for Recommendation

1. To comply with the regulations and obligations for the grant of dispensations to speak and vote at meetings.

1. Background

- 1.1 The Standards Committee Grant of Dispensations (Wales) Regulations 2001 permits Members to apply to Standards Committee to speak and, if appropriate, to vote on issues which due to prejudicial interests, they may not otherwise be able to speak or vote or remain in the room.
- 1.2 In order to deal with the applications as quickly as possible, it is necessary for the Standards Committee to receive full information of the interests involved and why in the Member's opinion dispensation should be given.
- 1.3 Applicants are advised that they are also able to attend the Standards Committee meeting to present their application if they wish to do so.

2. Key Issues for Consideration

- 2.1 At the time of the agenda dispatch for the meeting no applications for dispensation have been received. However as the next meeting of the Committee is not taking place until 27th March, 2025 should any applications be received in time for the meeting on 30th January, 2025 this report is being included with the agenda.
- 2.2 Any applications received prior to the day of the meeting will be forwarded to all Members of the Committee for consideration.

3. How do proposals evidence the Five Ways of Working and contribute to our Well-being Objectives?

- 3.1 One of the roles and functions of the Standards Committee (as detailed in the Council's Constitution) is to consider the granting of dispensations to Councillors, Co-opted Members and Church and Parent Governor Representatives from requirements relating to interests set out in the Members' Code of Conduct.

4. Climate Change and Nature Implications

- 4.1 None as a direct result of this report.

5. Resources and Legal Considerations

Financial

5.1 None as a direct result of this report.

Employment

5.2 None as a direct result of this report.

Legal (Including Equalities)

5.3 The Council is required to comply with the Standards Committee Grant of Dispensations (Wales) Regulations 2001.

6. Background Papers

Standards Committee Grant of Dispensations (Wales) Regulations 2001.