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28/11/2023

Dear Sir / Madam

I write to inform you that a Meeting of the Ethics and Standards Committee will be held HYBRID - NEUADD CYNGOR CEREDIGION, PENMORFA, ABERAERON / REMOTELY VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE on Monday, 4 December 2023 at 10.00 am for the transaction of the following business:

1. **Apologies**
2. **Declaration of personal/prejudicial interest**
3. **To confirm as a true record the minutes of the meeting of the Ethics & Standards Committee held on 15 November 2023 (Pages 3 - 12)**
4. **To consider the following application for dispensation:-**
 - (i) Councillor Bryan Davies, Ceredigion County Council (Pages 13 - 20)
 - (ii) Councillor Ifan Davies, Ceredigion County Council (Pages 21 - 28)
 - (iii) Councillor Catrin M S Davies, Ceredigion County Council (Pages 29 - 36)
 - (iv) Councillor Rhodri Evans, Ceredigion County Council (Pages 37 - 44)
 - (v) Councillor Marc Davies, Ceredigion County Council (Pages 45 - 52)
 - (vi) Councillor Meirion Davies, Ceredigion County Council (Pages 53 - 60)
 - (vii) Councillor Wyn Evans, Ceredigion County Council (Pages 61 - 68)
5. **Feedback from the political group leaders compliance assessment workshop (Pages 69 - 74)**
6. **Review of application for dispensation form (Pages 75 - 84)**
7. **Appointment of Vice-Chair**

A Translation Services will be provided at this meeting and those present are welcome to speak in Welsh or English at the meeting.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Edwards', written in a cursive style.

Miss Lowri Edwards
Corporate Lead Officer: Democratic Services

To: Chairman and Members of Ethics and Standards Committee
The remaining Members of the Council for information only.

Minutes of the Meeting of ETHICS AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE held Hybrid at Neuadd Cyngor Ceredigion, Penmorfa, Aberaeron / remotely via video conference on Wednesday , 15 November 2023

PRESENT: Miss Caryl Davies (Chair) Mr Alan Davies Ms Carol Edwards, Mr John Weston and Gail Storr

Councillors Caryl Roberts & Gwyn Wigley Evans (Elected Members)

Councillor Delyth James Town and Community Council Representatives)

Other Elected Members in attendance: Councillor Catrin M S Davies, Gareth Davies, Keith Evans, Gareth Lloyd together with Councillor Gareth Ioan (Llanllwchaearn Community Council)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms Elin Prysor (Monitoring Officer)

Mrs Lisa Evans (Scrutiny and Standards Officer)

Mrs Dana Jones (Democratic and Standards Officer)

(10:00am-12:15pm)

1 Apologies

None

2 Disclosure of personal / prejudicial interests

None.

3 To confirm as a true record the minutes of the meeting of the Ethics & Standards Committee held on 05 June 2023

It was RESOLVED to confirm as a true record of the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 05 June 2023 subject to amending the date of the term year for Mr John Weston remains the Vice-Chair on the Committee until 22 February 2024 and not 2023 as stated on page 5 of the agenda.

Matters Arising

Minute 6- The Monitoring Officer reported that the Ethics and Standards Committee Annual Report 2022/23 had been presented to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales in line with 7.8 of Statutory Guidance

Minute 12 - Consultation response form: WG47012 (Recommendations of the Independent Review of the Ethical Standards Framework (Richard Penn report)- The Monitoring stated that the response had been collated and sent accordingly to WG. A copy of the response had been sent to Members of the Committee by email and the response could be presented as an item on the next agenda to note.

Minute 9- It was reported that Full Council had agreed to extend Ms. Carol Edwards term of office from 22/2/2024 to 21/2/2028.

The Monitoring Officer reported that a further Lay member was sought for the Mid Wales CJC Standards Corporate Joint Committee sub-committee at the request of Powys County Council.

The Chair stated that there will be a need to appoint a Vice-Chair from February 2024

4 Action Log

It was AGREED to note the Action Log as presented subject to amending the date of the Workshop from the 16 to the 15 of November 2023.

5 To consider applications for dispensation from the following Councillors

(i) Councillor Gareth Davies - Ceredigion County Council

An Application dated the 11 October 2023 was received from Councillor Gareth Davies, Ceredigion County Council to speak and vote upon the Council Tax Premium for Long-Term Empty Properties and Second Homes in Ceredigion. Along with his wife, he was a co-owner of a property which was let out.

Councillor Davies was present at the meeting to present his application and answered questions regarding his application.

Councillor Davies was requested to leave the video conference for the Committee to consider his application.

It was RESOLVED to grant Councillor Davies a dispensation to speak and vote on the grounds that the nature of the members' 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, and the participation of the member in the business to which the interest relates is justified by the member's particular role or expertise (regulation 2 (d) and (f) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations)(Wales) Regulations 2001). The dispensation was granted for a period of 12 months.

(ii) Councillor Catrin M S Davies, Ceredigion County Council

An Application dated 03 November 2023 was received from Councillor Catrin M S Davies, Ceredigion County Council to speak and vote upon raising the tax on empty properties. She owned an empty property. Charging tax on empty homes may affect her.

Councillor Davies was present at the meeting to present her application and answered questions regarding her application.

Councillor Davies was requested to leave the video conference for the Committee to consider her application.

It was RESOLVED to grant Councillor Davies a dispensation to speak only on the grounds that the nature of the members' 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,

and the participation of the member in the business to which the interest relates is justified by the member's particular role or expertise (regulation 2 (d) and (f) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations)(Wales) Regulations 2001). The dispensation was granted for a period of 12 months.

(iii) Councillor Gaerth Ioan - Llanllwchaearn Community Council

An application dated 13 October was received from Councillor Gaerth Ioan - Llanllwchaearn Community Council to speak only on Council Tax Premium. He was a part-owner of a holiday home in Ceredigion.

Councillor Ioan was present at the meeting to present his application and answered questions regarding his application.

Councillor Ioan was requested to leave the video conference for the Committee to consider his application.

It was RESOLVED to grant Councillor Ioan a dispensation to speak only on the grounds that the nature of the members' 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, and the participation of the member in the business to which the interest relates is justified by the member's particular role or expertise (regulation 2 (d) and (f) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations)(Wales) Regulations 2001). The dispensation was granted for a period of 12 months.

(iv) Councillor Keith Evans - Ceredigion County Council (Calon Tysul)

An application for dispensation dated 08 September 2023 was received from Councillor Keith Evans to speak and vote on potential funding for Calon Tysul. Councillor Evans serves and advises on their Management Committee. As both their County Council and Community Council local Member, local organisations look to elected members for guidance, leadership and support.

Councillor Evans was present at the meeting to present all his applications and answered questions regarding his applications.

Councillor Evans was requested to leave the Chamber for the Committee to consider his application.

It was RESOLVED to grant Councillor Evans a dispensation to speak and vote on the grounds that the nature of the members' 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, and the participation of the member in the business to which the interest relates is justified by the member's particular role or expertise (regulation 2 (d) and (f) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations)(Wales) Regulations 2001). The dispensation was granted for a period of 12 months.

(v) Councillor Keith Evans, Llandysul Community Council (Calon Tysul)

An application for dispensation dated 08 September 2023 was received from Councillor Keith Evans to speak and vote on potential funding for Calon

Tysul. Councillor Evans serves and advises on their Management Committee. As both their County Council and Community Council local Member, local organisations look to elected members for guidance, leadership and support.

It was RESOLVED to grant Councillor Evans a dispensation to speak and vote on the grounds that the nature of the members' 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, and the participation of the member in the business to which the interest relates is justified by the member's particular role or expertise (regulation 2 (d) and (f) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations)(Wales) Regulations 2001). The dispensation was granted for a period of 12 months.

(vi) Councillor Keith Evans, Ceredigion County Council (Llandysul Sports Society Application)

An application for dispensation dated 08 September 2023 was received from Councillor Keith Evans to speak and vote on potential funding for Llandysul Sports Society. Councillor Evans serves and advises on their Management Committee. As both their County Council and Community Council local Member, local organisations looks to elected members for guidance, leadership and support.

It was RESOLVED to grant Councillor Evans a dispensation to speak and vote on the grounds that the nature of the members' 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, and the participation of the member in the business to which the interest relates is justified by the member's particular role or expertise (regulation 2 (d) and (f) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations)(Wales) Regulations 2001). The dispensation was granted for a period of 12 months.

(vii) Councillor Keith Evans, Llandysul Community Council (Llandysul Sports Society Application)

An application for dispensation dated 08 September 2023 was received from Councillor Keith Evans to speak and vote on potential funding for Llandysul Sports Society. Councillor Evans serves and advises on their Management Committee. As both their County Council and Community Council local Member, local organisations look to elected members for guidance, leadership and support.

It was RESOLVED to grant Councillor Evans with a dispensation to speak and vote on the grounds that the nature of the members' 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, and the participation of the member in the business to which the interest relates is justified by the member's particular role or expertise (regulation 2 (d) and (f) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations)(Wales) Regulations 2001). The dispensation was granted for a period of 12 months

(viii) Councillor Keith Evans, Ceredigion County Council (Pontweli Ymlaen)

An application for dispensation dated 08 September 2023 was received from Councillor Keith Evans to speak and vote on potential funding for Llandysul Pont-Tyweli Ymlaen Cyf. Councillor Evans serve and advise on their Management Board as a Director. As both their County Council and Community Council local Member, local organisations looks to elected members for guidance, leadership and support.

It was RESOLVED to grant Councillor Evans a dispensation to speak and vote on the grounds that the nature of the members' 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, and the participation of the member in the business to which the interest relates is justified by the member's particular role or expertise (regulation 2 (d) and (f) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations)(Wales) Regulations 2001). The dispensation was granted for a period of 12 months

(ix) Councillor Keith Evans, Cyngor Cymuned Llandysul (Pontweli Ymlaen Cyf)

An application for dispensation dated 08 September 2023 was received from Councillor Keith Evans to speak and vote on potential funding for Llandysul Pont-Tyweli Ymlaen Cyf. Councillor Evans serve and advise on their Management Board as a Director. As both their County Council and Community Council local Member, local organisations look to elected members for guidance, leadership and support.

It was RESOLVED to grant Councillor Evans a dispensation to speak and vote on the grounds that the nature of the members' 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, and the participation of the member in the business to which the interest relates is justified by the member's particular role or expertise (regulation 2 (d) and (f) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations)(Wales) Regulations 2001). The dispensation was granted for a period of 12 months.

(x) Councillor Matthew Vaux, Ceredigion County Council

An Application dated the 09 November 2023 was received from Councillor Matthew Vaux, Ceredigion County Council to speak and vote upon the Empty Property & Second Home Council Tax. His grandparents own a holiday cottage at Synod Ganol, Synod Inn.

It was RESOLVED to grant Councillor Vaux a dispensation to speak and vote on the grounds that the nature of the members' 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, (regulation 2 (d) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations)(Wales) Regulations 2001). The dispensation was granted for a period of 06 months.

(xi) Councillor Gareth Lloyd, Ceredigion County Council

An Application dated the 10 November 2023 was received from Councillor Gareth Lloyd, Ceredigion County Council to speak and vote upon Council Tax Premium for Long-Term Empty Properties and Second Homes in Ceredigion. He owned property (other than his home) which were rented/let out

Councillor Lloyd was present at the meeting to present his application and answered questions regarding his application.

Councillor Lloyd was requested to leave the video conference for the Committee to consider his application.

It was RESOLVED to grant Councillor Lloyd a dispensation to speak and vote on the grounds that the nature of the members' 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, and the participation of the member in the business to which the interest relates is justified by the member's particular role or expertise (regulation 2 (d) and (f) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations)(Wales) Regulations 2001). The dispensation was granted for a period of 12 months

(xii) Councillor Elizabeth Evans, Ceredigion County Council

An application for dispensation dated 13 November 2023 was received from Councillor Elizabeth Evans to speak only on the Aberaeron Coastal Defence Scheme (to include Aberaeron harbour and Pwll Cam, Aberaeron).

Councillor Evans mother lives in Market Street, Aberaeron. Her home directly overlooks the car park adjacent to Pwll Cam. Councillor Evans family also own a building at No 18 Market Street, Aberaeron – she has no income from it nor does she have any part ownership of the property.

Councillor Evans was present at the meeting to present her application and answered questions regarding her application.

Councillor Evans was requested to leave the video conference for the Committee to consider her application.

It was RESOLVED to grant Councillor Evans with dispensation to speak only on the grounds that the nature of the members' 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; and the participation of the member in the business to which the interest relates is justified by the member's particular role or expertise; (regulation 2 (d) and (f) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations)(Wales) Regulations 2001). The dispensation was granted for a period of 12 months.

(xiii) Councillor Elizabeth Evans, Aberaeron Town Council

An application for dispensation dated 13 November 2023 was received from Councillor Elizabeth Evans to speak only on the Aberaeron Coastal Defence Scheme (to include Aberaeron harbour and Pwll Cam, Aberaeron).

Councillor Evans mother lives in Market Street, Aberaeron. Her home directly overlooks the car park adjacent to Pwll Cam. Councillor Evans family also own a building at No 18 Market Street, Aberaeron – she has no income from it nor does she have any part ownership of the property.

Councillor Evans was present at the meeting to present her application and answered questions regarding her application.

Councillor Evans was requested to leave the video conference for the Committee to consider her application.

It was RESOLVED to grant Councillor Evans with dispensation to speak only on the grounds that the nature of the members' 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; and the participation of the member in the business to which the interest relates is justified by the member's particular role or expertise; (regulation 2 (d) and (f) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations)(Wales) Regulations 2001). The dispensation was granted for a period of 12 months.

(xiv) Councillor Chris James, Ceredigion County Council

An Application dated the 13 November 2023 was received from Councillor Chris James, Ceredigion County Council to speak and vote upon Council Tax Premium on homes. He had two properties in the village of Cenarth.

It was RESOLVED to grant Councillor James a dispensation to speak only on the grounds that the nature of the members' 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, (regulation 2 (d) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations)(Wales) Regulations 2001). The dispensation was granted for a period of 6 months

6 Amendment to the consolidated statutory and non statutory guidance for principal councils

It was reported that there has been an amendment to the consolidated statutory and non statutory guidance for principal councils in Wales at Part 2, Section 6.0, paragraph 6.4.

The guidance had been amended to read that standards committees (as opposed to standards committee chairs) should meet with group leaders at the beginning of each council year to agree a number of issues.

Members were informed to consider para 4.36 and 4.24 of the Statutory and Non-Statutory Guidance introduced in June '23 relating to Political Group Leaders meeting their statutory duty in the '21 Act and the interface with Standards Committee (not least the threshold to be used by the individual Standards Committee).

4.36 At the beginning of each council year Political group leaders should meet with the standards committee to agree the following:

- How group leaders and the standards committee will work together to ensure appropriate standards of behaviour;
- Frequency of meetings between group leaders and the standards committee throughout the year;
- The threshold which the standards committee will use to establish whether it is content that political group leaders have complied with the duties of the 2021 Act;
- The mechanism for political group leaders to provide reports to the standards committee about the actions they have taken to comply with the duties within the 2021 Act.

4.24 Reasonable steps the group leader may undertake include:

- demonstrating personal commitment to and attending and participating in relevant development or training around equalities and standards, including on the Code of Conduct;
- actively encouraging group members to attend relevant development or training around equalities and standards including in relation to the Code of Conduct;
- ensuring nominees to a committee have received the recommended training for participating on that committee;
- promoting modelling civility and respect within group communications and meetings and in formal council meetings;
- supporting informal resolution procedures in the council, and working with the standards committee and monitoring officers to achieve local resolution;
- encouraging a culture within the group which supports high standards of conduct and integrity;
- attend a meeting of the council's standards committee if requested to participate in discussions on Code of Conduct issues;
- drive forward work to implement any recommendations from the standards committee about improving standards;
- work with the standards committee to proactively identify, consider and tackle patterns of inappropriate behaviour;
- work together with other group leaders, within reason, to collectively support high standards of conduct within the council and where any issues identified involve more than one political group.

It was AGREED to note the report for information.

7 Recruitment of independent member (February 2024)

It was reported that a short listing panel had been held on the 09 October 2023 and interviews were being held on 16/11/23 to appoint a new independent Member as from February 2024. An update would be provided at the January meeting.

8 Monitoring Officer Code of Conduct Update- Quarter 1& 2 2023-2024

It was AGREED to note the Code of Conduct Update Quarter 1& 2 2023-2024 as presented.

9 **Political group leaders duties revised template to take into account the revised WG Statutory Guidance**

Consideration was given to the Political group leaders duties revised template to take into account the revised WG Statutory Guidance

Members agreed to the amendments made to the political group leaders compliance assessment template as highlighted in yellow on the report presented.

10 **Standards Committees (Wales)(Amendment) Regulations 2023 SI 2023/988**

It was AGREED to note the report for information.

11 **Training with Town and Community Councils in 2024**

It was AGREED as training was available on the Code of Conduct by One Voices Wales, that Town and Community Councils should contact them for training.

12 **Update on Adjudication Panel for Wales matters**

It was AGREED to note the report for information.

13 **The Public Services Ombudsman Annual Letter 22/23 ,PSOW Annual Report 22/23 and PSOW Decision Notices**

It was AGREED to

(i) note the contents of the PSOW Annual letter 22/23 and the PSOW Annual report 22/23,

(ii) that Members receive information regarding PSOW Decision Notices, and

(iii) that they would be circulated by confidential email

14 **The Public Services Ombudsman Code of Conduct Findings**

It was AGREED to note the contents of the report.

15 **National Standards Committee Forum Minutes**

To note the contents of the minutes and to thank all supporting officers on their support for the work of the Committee.

16 **Harmonisation of gifts/hospitality thresholds across all Welsh Authorities**

Consideration was given to the Harmonisation of gifts/hospitality thresholds across all Welsh Authorities, it was AGREED to

(i) note the developments since considering this matter at the meeting on 23/1/23; and

(ii) that the gift/hospitality threshold for Ceredigion County Council Members remain at £21.

Members reiterated that Officers and Councillors gift/hospitality should be the same to be consistent and fair to all.

17 **Town & Community Council training Plans**

Consideration was given to the Town & Community Council Training Plans report on the number received. Following discussion, it was AGREED

- (i) that an email was sent to all clerks reminding them that they must prepare and publish a training plan, and to request that the plans were sent to Ceredigion County Council
- (ii) that the monitoring plan of these training plans be an item on the Forward Work Programme to consider annually; and
- (iii) that the respective County Councillor be contacted if the Community Council in their Ward had not presented the plan to the Council; as to state that the plan was required to be on their website in line with legislation

18 Forward Work Programme

It was AGREED to note the content of the Forward Work Programme subject to the following:-

- (i) a report upon the appointment of a new vice chair as from February 2024 and the new appointment of a lay member be presented at the January 2024 meeting;
- (ii) a report on the review of Gifts and Hospitality be presented at the May meeting; and
- (iii) an update report on the National Standards Council Forum following their meeting in March be presented to the following meeting.

19 To consider any other applications for dispensation received since the agenda was published

Items previously considered under item 5 on the agenda.



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APPLICATION TO THE ETHICS & STANDARDS COMMITTEE FOR DISPENSATION

Information

Please refer to the flowchart which will provide further guidance regarding the need for dispensation.

Members should also be aware of the Code of Conduct and its contents. If you are in any doubt, please contact the Monitoring Officer.

Please ensure that **ONLY ONE** matter is used per form, if there are multiple matters (different cases) please use separate forms.

If you require dispensation for both Town/Community Council **AND** County Council you must use **separate** forms for each application.

Please send this completed form to:

ethicsandstandards@ceredigion.gov.uk / moesegasafonau@ceredigion.llyw.cymru

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**APPLICATION TO THE ETHICS & 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

Your full name: Bryan Gareth Davies

Council:

County:

Town/Community:

Name of your Council:

Your address: Synod uchaf
Synod Inn
Llandysul

Postcode: SA44 6JD

Contact telephone number(s): 01545580422 07976 298015

Email address: bryan.davies@ceredigion.llyw.cymru

2. DETAILS OF YOUR INTEREST

What is the matter being discussed by the Council?

Raising the premium on second homes/empty properties

Describe your prejudicial interest in the above matter, including your connection with it:

I co-own a house with my wife and my brother. The house is rented to a family long-term

Where will the above matter be considered? (e.g. Cabinet, County Council, Town/Community Council)

County- Council

County- Cabinet

County- Committee

Town /Community

**Other
(Please specify)**

Cabinet

Under which paragraph of the Members Code of Conduct (20th May 2016 edition) does your interest fall?

Paragraph 10 (2) (a) it relates to, or is likely to affect —

(i) any employment or business carried on by you;

(ii) any person who employs or has appointed you, any firm in which you are a partner or any company for which you are a remunerated director;

(iii) any person, other than your authority, who has made a payment to you in respect of your election or any expenses incurred by you in carrying out your duties as a member;

(iv) any corporate body which has a place of business or land in your authority's area, and in which you have a beneficial interest in a class of securities of that body that exceeds the nominal value of £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body;

(v) any contract for goods, services or works made between your authority and you or a firm in which you are a partner, a company of which you are a remunerated director, or a body of the description specified in sub-paragraph (iv) above;

(vi) any land in which you have a beneficial interest and which is in the area of your authority;

(vii) any land where the landlord is your authority and the tenant is a firm in which you are a partner, a company of which you are a remunerated director, or a body of the description specified in sub-paragraph (iv) above;

(viii) any body to which you have been elected, appointed or nominated by your authority;

(ix) any —

(aa) public authority or body exercising functions of a public nature;

(bb) company, industrial and provident society, charity, or body directed to charitable purposes;

(cc) body whose principal purposes include the influence of public opinion or policy;

(dd) trade union or professional association; or

(ee) private club, society or association operating within your authority's area, in which you have membership or hold a position of general control or management;

(x) any land in your authority's area in which you have a licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy for 28 days or longer;

Paragraph 10 (2) (b) a decision upon it might reasonably be regarded as affecting —

(i) your well-being or financial position, or that of a person with whom you live, or any person with whom you have a close personal association;

(ii) any employment or business carried on by persons as described in 10(2)(b)(i);

(iii) any person who employs or has appointed such persons described in 10(2)(b)(i), any firm in which they are a partner, or any company of which they are directors;

(iv) any corporate body in which persons as described in 10(2)(b)(i) have a beneficial interest in a class of securities exceeding the nominal value of £5,000; or

(v) anybody listed in paragraphs 10(2)(a)(ix)(aa) to (ee) in which persons described in 10(2)(b)(i) hold a position of general control or management, to a greater extent than the majority of—

(aa) in the case of an authority with electoral divisions or wards, other council tax payers, rate payers or inhabitants of the electoral division or ward, as the case may be, affected by the decision; or

(bb) in all other cases, other council tax payers, ratepayers or inhabitants of the authority's area.

Paragraph 13 You also have a prejudicial interest in any business before an overview and scrutiny committee of your authority (or of a sub-committee of such a committee) where —

(a) that business relates to a decision made (whether implemented or not) or action taken by your authority's executive, board or another of your authority's committees, sub-committees, joint committees or joint sub-committees; and

(b) at the time the decision was made or action was taken, you were a member of the executive, board, committee, sub-committee, joint-committee or joint sub-committee mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) and you were present when that decision was made or action was taken.

3. INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF YOUR APPLICATION

Please provide additional (background/ factual) information in order to clarify/explain your interest further, and assist the committee considering this dispensation application.
(Please note that failure to complete this section will result in the application form being returned to you)

The house in question, has never been used as a second-home or holiday home

(please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

4. GROUNDS FOR DISPENSATION

The **Standards Committee (Grant of Dispensations)(Wales) Regulations 2001** prescribe the circumstances in which the Ethics & Standards Committee may grant a dispensation. The grounds for granting a dispensation are set out below.

On which of the following grounds do you believe that a dispensation should be granted in this case? Please tick the appropriate box(es).

(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;	<input type="checkbox"/>
(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	<input type="checkbox"/>
(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;	<input type="checkbox"/>
(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;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(e) the interest is common to the member and a significant proportion of the general public;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(f) the participation of the member in the business to which the interest relates is justified by the member's particular role or expertise;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(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;	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Please set out below the reasons why you consider that the Ethics & Standards Committee should grant a dispensation in this case (i.e. Please explain how and why you consider that one of the grounds for dispensation is/are satisfied)

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I want to be completely transparent with the public. I co-own a house which is rented long-term to a family in Lampeter. The house has not been used as a second-home or a holiday home and the tenants pay Council tax on the house.

(please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

6. REQUEST

Are you applying for dispensation to speak only or to speak and vote?

Speak Only:

Speak and Vote:

Please provide a reason for this:

7. DURATION

What is the requested duration for this dispensation?

Specific:

Specific Meeting(s):

Please specify meeting date(s): _____

General:

6 months:

12 months:

8. DECLARATION

I request a dispensation in respect of the above matter.

**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 Ethics and Standards Committee.**

Signed: B G Davies

Date: 17 / 11 / 2023

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1. YOUR DETAILS

Your full name: Cllr Ifan Lloyd Davies

Council:

County:

Town/Community:

Name of your Council:

Your address:

Dolyrychain, ponrhydfendigaid, ystrad meurig ceredigion

Postcode: sy256el

Contact telephone number(s): 07483371178

Email address:

lfan.davies@ceredigion.gov.uk

2. DETAILS OF YOUR INTEREST

What is the matter being discussed by the Council?

Second homes council tax

Describe your prejudicial interest in the above matter, including your connection with it:

I have number of properties in Ceredigion

Where will the above matter be considered? (e.g. Cabinet, County Council, Town/Community Council)

County- Council

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**Other
(Please specify)**

Under which paragraph of the Members Code of Conduct (20th May 2016 edition) does your interest fall?

Paragraph 10 (2) (a) it relates to, or is likely to affect —

- (i) any employment or business carried on by you;
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- (v) any contract for goods, services or works made between your authority and you or a firm in which you are a partner, a company of which you are a remunerated director, or a body of the description specified in sub-paragraph (iv) above;
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3. INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF YOUR APPLICATION

Please provide additional (background/ factual) information in order to clarify/explain your interest further, and assist the committee considering this dispensation application.
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I have properties within Ceredigion that I rent out to full time tenants and holiday let accommodation. But are not second homes.

(please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

4. GROUNDS FOR DISPENSATION

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On which of the following grounds do you believe that a dispensation should be granted in this case? Please tick the appropriate box(es).

(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;	<input type="checkbox"/>
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I believe that I should be given dispensation as I feel I can offer a balanced opinion and reasoning to the discussion and decision, I feel that the principal is no different to setting the yearly council tax, of which I am a part of every year.

(please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

6. REQUEST

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Speak Only:

Speak and Vote:

Please provide a reason for this:

As above

7. DURATION

What is the requested duration for this dispensation?

Specific:

Specific Meeting(s):

Please specify meeting date(s): ___ full council dec

2023 _____

General:

6 months:

12 months:

8. DECLARATION

I request a dispensation in respect of the above matter.

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Signed: I.L.Davies

Date: 21 / 11 /23

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1. YOUR DETAILS

Your full name: CATRIN M S DAVIES

Council:

County:

Town/Community:

Name of your Council: Ceredigion County Council

Your address:

SIMNE WEN, 3 STRYD NEWYDD, TALYBONT, CEREDIGION.

Postcode: SY24 5HD

Contact telephone number(s): 07866 452287

Email address: Catrin.M.S.Davies@ceredigion.llyw.cymru

2. DETAILS OF YOUR INTEREST

What is the matter being discussed by the Council?

The Council will be discussing raising the tax on holiday homes.

Describe your prejudicial interest in the above matter, including your connection with it:

I own an empty property BUT I do not own a holiday home. Charging tax on holiday homes will not affect me.

Where will the above matter be considered? (e.g. Cabinet, County Council, Town/Community Council)

County- Council

County- Cabinet

County- Committee

Town /Community

**Other
(Please specify)**

Under which paragraph of the Members Code of Conduct (20th May 2016 edition) does your interest fall?

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I do not have a personal interest in the matter of holiday homes.

I have had dispensation to speak on the matter of second homes but not to vote. But I would like to differentiate between the two votes. That is, I do not have an interest in holiday homes therefore I ask for dispensation to speak and vote on that particular matter.

(please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

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I do not have a personal interest in the matter of holiday homes.

I have had dispensation to speak on the matter of empty properties but not to vote because I own an empty property. But I do not own a holiday home and do not benefit from a holiday home and none of my family benefit from a holiday home either.

I would like to differentiate between the two votes. That is, I do not have an interest in holiday homes therefore I ask for dispensation to speak and vote on that particular matter.

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6. REQUEST

Are you applying for dispensation to speak only or to speak and vote?

Speak Only:

Speak and Vote:

Please provide a reason for this:

To be able to influence the decision.

7. DURATION

What is the requested duration for this dispensation?

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Please specify meeting date(s):

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Signed:

Date:

03 / 11 / 23

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1. YOUR DETAILS

Your full name: David Rhodri Wyn Evans

Council:

County:

Town/Community:

Name of your Council: Ceredigion

Your address: Llanio Fawr, Tregaron, Ceredigion

Postcode: Sy25 6PT

Contact telephone number(s): 07870604199

Email address: Rhodri.evans2@ceredigion.gov.uk

2. DETAILS OF YOUR INTEREST

What is the matter being discussed by the Council?

Council Tax Premium for Long-Term Empty Properties and Second Homes in Ceredigion

Describe your prejudicial interest in the above matter, including your connection with it:

I own property (other than my home) which are rented/let out.

Where will the above matter be considered? (e.g. Cabinet, County Council, Town/Community Council)

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I own properties other than my home where I live. These are rented/let to tenants. The Council will, sometime in the future, consider the Council Tax Premium for Second Homes and Long-Term Empty Properties. I do not believe that any of the properties I own are/would be affected by this discussion however as the guidelines aren't clear as to whether my property falls into these two categories I believe it is more transparent to apply for dispensation to be safe.

(please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

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(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	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(e) the interest is common to the member and a significant proportion of the general public;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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As stated previously I do not believe that as the properties are rented/let out to tenants that they are second homes or long term empty therefore would not be effected by any changes that follow the discussion and decision on the matter in hand.

However as the guidelines aren't clear as to whether my property falls into these two categories I believe it is more transparent to apply for dispensation to be safe.

(please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

6. REQUEST

Are you applying for dispensation to speak only or to speak and vote?

Speak Only:

Speak and Vote:

Please provide a reason for this:

I believe this has been answered above in the reasoning for applying.

7. DURATION

What is the requested duration for this dispensation?

Specific:

Specific Meeting(s):

Please specify meeting date(s): _____

General:

6 months:

12 months:

8. DECLARATION

I request a dispensation in respect of the above matter.

**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 Ethics and Standards Committee.**

Signed:

Rhodri Evans

Date:

27 / 11 /23

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Information

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1. YOUR DETAILS

Your full name:

Council:

County:

Town/Community:

Name of your Council:

Your address:

Postcode:

Pengarreg
Rhiwgoch
Aberaeron
Sa46 0hr

Email address:

Marc.davies@ceredigion.gov.uk

2. DETAILS OF YOUR INTEREST

What is the matter being discussed by the Council?

Second home tax premium

Describe your prejudicial interest in the above matter, including your connection with it:

I have other properties that I let on long term agreements

Where will the above matter be considered? (e.g. Cabinet, County Council, Town/Community Council)

County- Council

County- Cabinet

County- Committee

Town /Community

**Other
(Please specify)**

Under which paragraph of the Members Code of Conduct (20th May 2016 edition) does your interest fall?

Paragraph 10 (2) (a) it relates to, or is likely to affect —

(i) any employment or business carried on by you;

(ii) any person who employs or has appointed you, any firm in which you are a partner or any company for which you are a remunerated director;

(iii) any person, other than your authority, who has made a payment to you in respect of your election or any expenses incurred by you in carrying out your duties as a member;

(iv) any corporate body which has a place of business or land in your authority's area, and in which you have a beneficial interest in a class of securities of that body that exceeds the nominal value of £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body;

(v) any contract for goods, services or works made between your authority and you or a firm in which you are a partner, a company of which you are a remunerated director, or a body of the description specified in sub-paragraph (iv) above;

(vi) any land in which you have a beneficial interest and which is in the area of your authority;

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(ix) any —

(aa) public authority or body exercising functions of a public nature;

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(dd) trade union or professional association; or

(ee) private club, society or association operating within your authority's area, in which you have membership or hold a position of general control or management;

(x) any land in your authority's area in which you have a licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy for 28 days or longer;

Paragraph 10 (2) (b) a decision upon it might reasonably be regarded as affecting —

(i) your well-being or financial position, or that of a person with whom you live, or any person with whom you have a close personal association;

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(iii) any person who employs or has appointed such persons described in 10(2)(b)(i), any firm in which they are a partner, or any company of which they are directors;

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3. INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF YOUR APPLICATION

Please provide additional (background/ factual) information in order to clarify/explain your interest further, and assist the committee considering this dispensation application.
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I wish to convey that
 I own properties that are let on long term tenancies.
 However, I believe that this does not prejudice me from speaking at full council.

(please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

4. GROUNDS FOR DISPENSATION

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This does not directly affect myself as tenants pay the council tax at ordinary levels.

(please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

6. REQUEST

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Speak Only:

Speak and Vote:

Please provide a reason for this:

7. DURATION

What is the requested duration for this dispensation?

Specific:

Specific Meeting(s):

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6 months:

12 months:

8. DECLARATION

I request a dispensation in respect of the above matter.

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 Ethics and Standards Committee.

Signed: Marc Davies

Date: 21 / 11 /2023

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1. YOUR DETAILS

Your full name: Councillor Meirion Davies

Council:

County:

Town/Community:

Name of your Council: Ceredigion County Council

Email address: Meirion.davies@ceredigion.gov.uk

2. DETAILS OF YOUR INTEREST

What is the matter being discussed by the Council?

Council Tax Premiums

Describe your prejudicial interest in the above matter, including your connection with it:

I'm an owner of a holiday let on my farm

Where will the above matter be considered? (e.g. Cabinet, County Council, Town/Community Council)

County- Council

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Other

(Please specify)

_____ **Full Council meeting**

Under which paragraph of the Members Code of Conduct (20th May 2016 edition) does your interest fall?

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Please provide additional (background/ factual) information in order to clarify/explain your interest further, and assist the committee considering this dispensation application.

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I have been running a holiday let for 10 years on my farm with a planning application with clauses for that purpose. It is exempt under 182 day qualification.

(please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

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As an owner of a holiday let I would like to be able to speak and vote regarding my business.

(please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

6. REQUEST

Are you applying for dispensation to speak only or to speak and vote?

Speak Only:

Speak and Vote:

Please provide a reason for this:

That I have expertise that I can bring to the discussion

7. DURATION

What is the requested duration for this dispensation?

Specific:

Specific Meeting(s):

Please specify meeting date(s): 14/12/23

General:

6 months:

12 months:

8. DECLARATION

I request a dispensation in respect of the above matter.

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Signed:



Date:

27 / 11 /23

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1. YOUR DETAILS

Your full name: William wyn Evans

Council:

County:

Town/Community:

Name of your Council:

Your address: Nant Byr Uchaf, Tynygraig, Ystrad Meurig , Ceredigion

Postcode:SY256AG

Contact telephone number(s): 07817592411

Email address:Wyn.Evans@ceredigion.llyw.cymru

2. DETAILS OF YOUR INTEREST

What is the matter being discussed by the Council?

Council Tax premium for long-Term Empty Properties and Second Homes in Ceredigion.

Describe your prejudicial interest in the above matter, including your connection with it:

I part own property [other than my home} which is rented/ let out.

Where will the above matter be considered? (e.g. Cabinet, County Council, Town/Community Council)

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Under which paragraph of the Members Code of Conduct (20th May 2016 edition) does your interest fall?

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I part own a property other than where I live. This is let/rented to a tenant. The council will, sometime in the future, consider the council tax premium for second homes and long – term empty properties. I do not believe that any properties I own are/would be affected by this discussion however as the guidelines are not clear as to whether my property falls into these categories. I do believe it is more transparent to apply for a dispensation to be safe

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(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	<input type="checkbox"/>

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As stated previously I do believe that as the property is rented/let to tenants that it is a second home or long term empty therefore will not be affected by any changes that follow the discussion on the matter in hand.

However as the guidelines are not clear as to wheather my property falls into these two categories. I believe it is more transparent to apply for dispensation to be safe.

(please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

6. REQUEST

Are you applying for dispensation to speak only or to speak and vote?

Speak Only:

Speak and Vote:

Please provide a reason for this:

I believe this has been answered above in the reasoning for applying.

7. DURATION

What is the requested duration for this dispensation?

Specific:

Specific Meeting(s):

Please specify meeting date(s): _____

General:

6 months:

12 months:

8. DECLARATION

I request a dispensation in respect of the above matter.

**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 Ethics and Standards Committee.**

Signed: W. Wyn Evans

Date: 27 / 11 /2023

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CYNGOR SIR CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

Report to: Ethics and Standards Committee

Date of meeting: 10 January 2024

Title: Feedback from the political group leaders compliance assessment workshop

Purpose of the report: To ensure compliance with the Local Government & Elections Wales Act 2021: S62 and S63

Background

Group leaders are subject to two new statutory duties:

- i. To take reasonable steps to promote and maintain good standards of behaviour amongst their group members
- ii. To co-operate with the Standards Committee in the exercise of the standards committee's functions.

Local Government & Elections Wales Act 2021: S62

Group leaders could be deemed to be bringing their office into disrepute under the councillors' code of conduct by not fulfilling the duties; duty does not make group leaders accountable for behaviour of their members.

The Ethics & Standards Committee is under a duty to:

- a) monitor compliance by leaders of political groups on the council with their duties, and
- b) to advise, train or arrange to train leaders of political groups on the council about matters relating to those duties.

Local Government & Elections Wales Act 2021: S63

The Ethics & Standards Committee is also under a duty to prepare an annual report which:

- a) must include the committee's assessment of the extent to which leaders of political groups on the council have complied with their duties, and
- b) may include recommendations or comment on levels of compliance with these new duties.

Consideration was given to the first Political Group Leaders Compliance Assessment at the Ethics and Standards Committee meeting held on 5th June 2023. Group leaders had completed their reports by 20 April 2023. A workshop had taken place with each group leader individually on 15 May 2023:

- Cllr Bryan Davies (Plaid Cymru)
- Cllr Elizabeth Evans (Liberal democrats)

- Cllr Gareth Lloyd (Independent group)

The Committee assessed the extent to which whether political group leaders had:

1. taken reasonable steps to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by group members
2. co-operated with the Committee in exercise of its functions
3. any training needs.

Current Situation

There has been an amendment to the consolidated statutory and non statutory guidance for principal councils in Wales at Part 2, Section 6.0, paragraph 6.4.

The guidance has been amended to read that standards committees (as opposed to standards committee chairs) should meet with group leaders at the beginning of each council year to agree a number of issues.

The updated guidance has been published on the following links and shared with the Committee previously:

[Statutory and non-statutory guidance on democracy within principal councils | GOV.WALES](#)

[Canllawiau statudol ar ddemocratiaeth o fewn prif gynghorau | LLYW.CYMRU](#)

The compliance assessment template was reviewed and amended in light of the final guidance at the meeting of Ethics and Standards Committee on 15 November 2023.

The Committee held a workshop with group leaders on 17th November 2023. The following were considered:

- Reporting mechanism
- Feedback mechanism
- Meeting Frequency
- Threshold for assessment.

Specifically the workshop considered:

4.36 At the beginning of each council year Political group leaders should meet with the standards committee to agree the following:

- How group leaders and the standards committee will work together to ensure appropriate standards of behaviour;
- Frequency of meetings between group leaders and the standards committee throughout the year;
- The threshold which the standards committee will use to establish whether it is content that political group leaders have complied with the duties of the 2021 Act;
- The mechanism for political group leaders to provide reports to the standards committee about the actions they have taken to comply with the duties within the 2021 Act.

The following conclusions were drawn from the workshop:

How we will work together

- Meet according to agreed schedule,
- Assess according to agreed threshold,
- Reporting annually via template giving appropriate evidence
- Two way feedback.

Frequency of meetings

- Group leaders are to attend one formal meeting per year (this will be kept under review each year) (January 2024),
- An informal workshop at the start of the municipal year in line with paragraph 4.36 of the statutory guidance (May 2024),
- An informal workshop to undertake assessment of compliance, which will take place in April annually. The Committee will meet individually with the political group leaders to consider their compliance assessment,
- There will be an open invitation for group leaders to attend any formal meeting of the Ethics and Standards Committee
- Group leaders will attend a meeting with the Ethics and Standards Committee if it has concerns about any issues.

Threshold for assessment

- All Group Leaders should ensure that their group members complete the on-line social media training within 6 months. Democratic Services will provide the information to group leaders.
- That additional training should be provided for 2023/2024 to ensure Group leaders completed the templates adequately, with more metrics and evidence. This has been provided during the workshop held on 17th November 2023. Group Leaders can approach the Monitoring Officer for any additional support they require.
- Continue to engage with the Ethics and Standards Committee, Monitoring Officer in proactive way.
- Continue to engage with other group leaders to learn from and support each other in promoting positive behaviours.
- Continue to use group meetings to provide opportunities for informal mentoring.
- Continue to use group meetings to share cases and lessons learned and consider including APW/PSOW cases as a standing item.
- Recommend to members that they should not sign petitions.
- Attend the ongoing quarterly meetings with the Monitoring Officer.
- Complete template annually with evidence/examples of actions taken
- Encourage group members to undertake training in response to any issues arising e.g. racism.

Reporting/feedback/evidence

- Complete the template which has been updated at the Ethics and Standards Committee on 15th November 2023, followed by individual meetings with the Ethics and Standards Committee.
- Feedback will be provided to the political group leaders by the Monitoring Officer.
- Evidence included in the compliance template may include examples of training undertaken (numbers/dates/topic)/dates of meetings held/trends in proven complaints per group/confidentiality to be maintained in individual cases

General comments

- Committee members and political group leaders are happy with the existing process subject to above.
- No significant areas of concern were identified.
- Group leaders are concerned they cannot ensure only encourage good standards of behaviour. The Chair of the Ethics and Standards Committee will raise the concerns that political group leaders raised with the word 'ensure' being used in the statutory guidance at the National Standards Committee Forum.
- The relationship between group leaders and the Ethics and Standards Committee is good and both parties are looking forward to continuing to work together constructively.
- There was recognition that the feedback from the May 2023 meeting was not meant to be negative – we were all learning a new process and looking at ways to improve it.

Wellbeing of Future Generations:

Has an Integrated Impact Assessment been completed? If not, please state why.

No

Summary of Integrated Impact Assessment:

Long term: N/A
Collaboration: N/A
Involvement: N/A
Prevention: N/A
Integration: N/A

Recommendation(s):

To note:

- a) the conclusions drawn from the workshop;
- b) political group leaders are invited to the Ethics and Standards Committee on 10th January 2024
- c) A workshop with individual political group leaders has been arranged for XX April to undertake the assessment of compliance
- d) A workshop with political group leaders has been arranged for XX May.

Contact Name: Lisa Evans

Designation: Scrutiny and Standards Officer

Date of Report: 17/11/23

Acronyms:

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CYNGOR SIR CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

Report to: Ethics and Standards Committee

Date of meeting: 4th December 2023

Title: Review of application for dispensation form

Purpose of the report: To inform Committee of changes made to the dispensation form

Background

Following a workshop of the Ethics and Standards Committee on 15 November 2023 it was recommended that the following is removed from the application for dispensation form:

- Councillor' home address
- Contact telephone number.

Wellbeing of Future Generations:

Has an Integrated Impact Assessment been completed? If, not, please state why.
No

Summary of Integrated Impact Assessment:

Long term: N/A
Collaboration: N/A
Involvement: N/A
Prevention: N/A
Integration: N/A

Recommendation(s):

To agree to the changes made.

Reasons: To ensure the form is fit for purpose

Contact Name: Lisa Evans

Designation: Scrutiny and Standards Officer

Date of Report: 17/11/23

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APPLICATION TO THE ETHICS & STANDARDS COMMITTEE FOR DISPENSATION

Information

Please refer to the flowchart which will provide further guidance regarding the need for dispensation.

Members should also be aware of the Code of Conduct and its contents. If you are in any doubt, please contact the Monitoring Officer.

Please ensure that **ONLY ONE** matter is used per form, if there are multiple matters (different cases) please use separate forms.

If you require dispensation for both Town/Community Council **AND** County Council you must use **separate** forms for each application.

Please send this completed form to:

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**APPLICATION TO THE ETHICS & 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

Your full name:

Council:

County:

Town/Community:

Name of your Council:

Email address:

2. DETAILS OF YOUR INTEREST

What is the matter being discussed by the Council?

Describe your prejudicial interest in the above matter, including your connection with it:

Where will the above matter be considered? (e.g. Cabinet, County Council, Town/Community Council)

County- Council

County- Cabinet

County- Committee

Town /Community

**Other
(Please specify)**

Under which paragraph of the Members Code of Conduct (20th May 2016 edition) does your interest fall?

Paragraph 10 (2) (a) it relates to, or is likely to affect —

- (i) any employment or business carried on by you;
- (ii) any person who employs or has appointed you, any firm in which you are a partner or any company for which you are a remunerated director;
- (iii) any person, other than your authority, who has made a payment to you in respect of your election or any expenses incurred by you in carrying out your duties as a member;
- (iv) any corporate body which has a place of business or land in your authority's area, and in which you have a beneficial interest in a class of securities of that body that exceeds the nominal value of £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body;
- (v) any contract for goods, services or works made between your authority and you or a firm in which you are a partner, a company of which you are a remunerated director, or a body of the description specified in sub-paragraph (iv) above;
- (vi) any land in which you have a beneficial interest and which is in the area of your authority;
- (vii) any land where the landlord is your authority and the tenant is a firm in which you are a partner, a company of which you are a remunerated director, or a body of the description specified in sub-paragraph (iv) above;
- (viii) any body to which you have been elected, appointed or nominated by your authority;
- (ix) any —
- (aa) public authority or body exercising functions of a public nature;
- (bb) company, industrial and provident society, charity, or body directed to charitable purposes;
- (cc) body whose principal purposes include the influence of public opinion or policy;
- (dd) trade union or professional association; or
- (ee) private club, society or association operating within your authority's area, in which you have membership or hold a position of general control or management;

(x) any land in your authority's area in which you have a licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy for 28 days or longer;

Paragraph 10 (2) (b) a decision upon it might reasonably be regarded as affecting —

(i) your well-being or financial position, or that of a person with whom you live, or any person with whom you have a close personal association;

(ii) any employment or business carried on by persons as described in 10(2)(b)(i);

(iii) any person who employs or has appointed such persons described in 10(2)(b)(i), any firm in which they are a partner, or any company of which they are directors;

(iv) any corporate body in which persons as described in 10(2)(b)(i) have a beneficial interest in a class of securities exceeding the nominal value of £5,000; or

(v) anybody listed in paragraphs 10(2)(a)(ix)(aa) to (ee) in which persons described in 10(2)(b)(i) hold a position of general control or management, to a greater extent than the majority of—

(aa) in the case of an authority with electoral divisions or wards, other council tax payers, rate payers or inhabitants of the electoral division or ward, as the case may be, affected by the decision; or

(bb) in all other cases, other council tax payers, ratepayers or inhabitants of the authority's area.

Paragraph 13 You also have a prejudicial interest in any business before an overview and scrutiny committee of your authority (or of a sub-committee of such a committee) where —

(a) that business relates to a decision made (whether implemented or not) or action taken by your authority's executive, board or another of your authority's committees, sub-committees, joint committees or joint sub-committees; and

(b) at the time the decision was made or action was taken, you were a member of the executive, board, committee, sub-committee, joint-committee or joint sub-committee mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) and you were present when that decision was made or action was taken.

3. INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF YOUR APPLICATION

Please provide additional (background/ factual) information in order to clarify/explain your interest further, and assist the committee considering this dispensation application.
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Speak Only:

Speak and Vote:

Please provide a reason for this:

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Specific Meeting(s):

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12 months:

8. DECLARATION

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