

Councillors Request for Dispensation - Standards Committee (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001 as amended

The Regulations above outline the circumstances in which the Standards Committee of a relevant Authority may grant dispensations (**Appendix A**). **Note: All Grey areas MUST be completed.**

1.	Personal Details	
Name:		
e-mail address:		
2.	Identify Paragraph(s) under which Dispensation is sought (Appendix A)	
3.	Reason Dispensation is Sought	
Please set out below the reasons why you consider that the Standards Committee should grant a dispensation in this case outlining the issue / matter and your interest in it.		
4.	Dispensation Sought. Are you applying for dispensation to:	
		Please Select (Yes / No)
Exercise Executive Powers		
Request to Stay and Speak in the meeting		
Request to Stay, Speak & Vote in the meeting		
Make Written Representations		
5.	Signature & Date	
6.	Return form to: Interim Monitoring Officer (Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Civic Centre or tracey.meredith@swansea.gov.uk	

Note: All Dispensations either cease at a Local Government Election or as indicated by the Standards Committee (whichever comes first). Any dispensation granted under section (j) must be reviewed by the Standards Committee once in every 12 month period from the date on which the dispensation is first granted.

Guidance Notes

Please read through the Code of Conduct. Which paragraph(s) are most appropriate to your case. Brief details of the relevant paragraphs are noted below. If unsure, contact the Monitoring Officer.

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)(b)	Council business in which there may be a conflict between your decision making role and your role in representing constituents in your ward.
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].

The standards committee of a relevant authority may grant dispensations under section 81(4) of the Act where:

- 2(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;
- 2(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;
- 2(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;
- 2(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;
- 2(e) the interest is common to the member and a significant proportion of the general public;
- 2(f) the participation of the member in the business to which the interest relates is justified by the member's particular role or expertise;
- 2(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;
- 2(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
- 2(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.
- 2(j) it appears to the committee to be otherwise appropriate to grant a dispensation