

STANDARDS COMMITTEE – 9TH MARCH 2012

SUBJECT: APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION - INFORMATION ITEM

REPORT BY: MONITORING OFFICER

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise Members of the decision by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee in relation to the application for dispensation made by Councillors Phillip Bevan, Mark Newman and Michael Prew.

2. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 2.1 The Authority acting through this Committee has an obligation to maintain high standard and probity and conduct throughout the Council and the Community Council's within the County Borough area.

3. THE REPORT

- 3.1 Councillors Bevan, Newman and Prew applied to the Standards Committee for a dispensation to enable them to participate fully in the debate and vote on a Report entitled "CCBC 21st Century Schools Programme".
- 3.2 The applications were made under ground (d) and (e) of the Standards Committee (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001:
- (d) the nature of the Member's interest is such that the Members participation in the business to which the interest relates would not damage public confidence in the conduct of the Council's business.
 - (e) the interest is common to the Member and a significant proportion of the general public.
- 3.3 The three Councillors have declared an interest in the matter due to the fact that they all live close to the St. Ilan School Site, which is specifically referred to in the Report and the case of Councillor Prew, his son is a pupil at one of the feeder schools.
- 3.4 In accordance with the provisions of the Council's Constitution an urgent meeting was convened on the 5th January, 2012 with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Standards Committee to discuss the application for dispensation. The Monitoring Officer was in attendance.
- 3.5 The application for dispensation was duly considered by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and were granted to all three Members named in this Report.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None.

5. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None.

6. CONSULTATIONS

6.1 None, this report has been prepared for information only.

7. STATUTORY POWER

7.1 Local Government Act 2000 and Standards Committee (Grants of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001. This is a Council function delegated to this Committee.

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Background Papers:
There are no background papers other than published documents