

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Remote Meeting, 6th October, 2022.

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Present: R. Hendicott (Chair); L. Tinsley (Vice-Chair); P. Hallett and G. Watkins (Independent Members), Councillors J.E. Charles and C.P. Franks.

AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from R. Alexander (Independent Member) and Councillor R.M. Birch.

AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd June, 2022 and the Special Meeting held on 22nd July, 2022 be approved as a correct record.

AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

Councillor Franks declared an interest in agenda item 4 – Applications for Dispensation – with regard to the applications submitted by Councillor K. Hatton and Councillor K. Shaw in that he was also a member of the organisations being applied for and vacated the meeting when the applications were to be considered.

AGENDA ITEM 4. APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION (MO/HLDS) –

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T dispensations as set out in the schedule below be granted up to the date of the next Local Government Elections:

Member Requesting Dispensation	Paragraph(s) of the Standards Committee (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001 Under Which Dispensation is Granted and as applied for	Decision

Councillor J. Aviet	(a), (e) and (f)	Dispensation granted to speak and vote on matters at Vale of Glamorgan Council meetings relating to the review of Council employment, employee terms and conditions, in view of a family member being employed by the authority.
Councillor R.M. Birch	(d), (f) and (g)	Dispensation granted to speak and vote on topics connected with the Vale of Glamorgan Council's re-shaping services programme when being discussed at both Vale of Glamorgan and Penarth Town Council meetings as appropriate.
Councillor R.M. Birch	(c), (d), (f) and (g)	Dispensation granted to speak and vote when matters relating to Ysgol y Deri School, Penarth are being discussed at Vale of Glamorgan Council meetings.
Community Councillor K. Hatton	(d), (e), (f) and (h)	Dispensation granted to speak only at Dinas Powys Community Council meetings, on issues relating to the management of allotments as a member of the Commons and Open Spaces Sub Committee.
Community Councillor K. Hatton	(d), (e), (f) and (h)	Dispensation granted to speak only at Dinas Powys Community Council meetings, on issues relating to the Dinas Powys Library and Activity Centre.
Community Councillor K. Hatton	(e), (f) and (h)	Dispensation granted to speak only at Dinas Powys Community Council meetings, on issues affecting Seel Park.
Community Councillor K. Hatton	(h)	Dispensation granted to speak only at Dinas Powys Community Council meetings on issues affecting Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern.
Community Councillor P. King	(a)	Dispensation granted to speak only at Llandough Community Council meetings on matters

		concerning Llandough and Leckwith War Memorial Institute Committee as a principal trustee
Councillor B. Loveluck-Edwards	(d), (f) and (g)	Dispensation granted to speak and vote at Vale of Glamorgan Council meetings on general matters relating to the review of Council employment, employee terms and conditions or to respond to allegations relating to child protection or safeguarding matters, in view of being employed as a full time regional caseworker for NASUWT. Where specific cases are referred to, to speak only on such matters as outlined above.
Councillor B. Loveluck-Edwards	(c), (d) (f) and (g)	Dispensation granted to speak and vote when matters relating to St. Richard Gwyn High School are being discussed at Vale of Glamorgan Council meetings.
Community Councillor K. Shaw	(d), (e), (f) and (h)	Dispensation granted to speak only at Dinas Powys Community Council meetings, on issues affecting Seel Park.
Councillor M.R. Wilson	(c), (d), (f) and (g)	Dispensation granted to speak and vote when matters relating to Ysgol y Deri School, Penarth are being discussed at Vale of Glamorgan Council meetings.

(2) T H A T the following late applications for dispensation as set out in the schedule below be granted up to the date of the next Local Government Elections:

Member Requesting Dispensation	Paragraph(s) of the Standards Committee (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001 Under Which Dispensation is Granted and as applied for	Decision
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Councillor J. Aviet	(d), (e), (f) and (i)	Dispensation granted to speak and vote when matters relating to St. Helens R/C Primary and Nursery School are being discussed at Vale of Glamorgan Council meetings.
Councillor J. Protheroe	(e)	Dispensation granted to speak and vote when matters relating to Cowbridge Comprehensive School are being discussed at Vale of Glamorgan Council meetings.

Reason for decisions

(1&2) To comply with the regulations and obligations for the grant of dispensations to speak and vote.

AGENDA ITEM 5. OBSERVATIONS BY INDEPENDENT MEMBERS OF TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS (MO/HLDS) –

RESOLVED –

(1) T H AT it be noted that no observations visits had taken place since the last meeting however Independent Members were due to commence observation visits of Town and Community Council's shortly.

(2) T H A T the list of Town and Community Council meetings attached at Appendix 1 to the report be noted.

(3) T H A T it be accepted that the Monitoring Officer may advise during the year that additional, specific Town and Community Council meetings be observed.

Reasons for decisions

(1-3) Having regard to the contents of the reports and discussions at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 6. PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2021/22 (MO/HLDS) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the report be noted.

Reason for decision

Having regard to the contents of the reports and discussion at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 7. POLITICAL GROUP LEADERS DUTY UNDER SECTION 62 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS (WALES) ACT 2021 IN RELATION TO STANDARDS OF CONDUCT (MO/HLDS) –

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the report be noted.
- (2) T H A T the reporting arrangements by Political Group Leaders, as outlined in the report, be approved and that delegated authority be granted to the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Chair of the Standards Committee to finalise / amend as appropriate the proforma attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

Reason for decisions

(1&2) Having regard to the content of the report and discussions at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 8. UPDATE ON NATIONAL FORUM (MO/HLDS) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the report be noted.

Reason for decision

Having regard to the content of the report and discussions at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 9. CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES (MO/HLDS) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the contents of the report be noted having regard to the fact that an update on the correspondence received from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales and any matters arising under Part II of the report would be considered under Part II of the agenda.

Reason for decision

To apprise Members of the Committee.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC –

RESOLVED – T H A T under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 4 of Schedule 12A (as amended) of the Act, the relevant paragraphs of the Schedule being referred to in brackets after the minute heading.

AGENDA ITEM 11. CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES (MO/HLDS) (EXEMPT INFORMATION – PARAGRAPHS 12, 13 AND 14) -

RESOLVED – T H A T the confidential information provided by the Deputy Monitoring Officer at the meeting be noted.

Reason for decision

Having regard to correspondence received from the Ombudsman, noting that it was confidential at this stage.