

Y PWYLLGOR SAFONAU

15/06/2018

CAIS AM OLLYNGIAD GAN Y CYNGHORYDD B. CHAPMAN

Yr argymhellion / penderfyniadau allweddol sydd eu hangen:

Ystyried y cais a phenderfynu arno

Y rhesymau:

Mae'r testun dan sylw yn yr adroddiad hwn yn rhan o gylch gorchwyl y Pwyllgor

Argymhellion / Sylwadau'r Pwyllgor Craffu:

Ddim yn berthnasol

Angen i'r Bwrdd Gweithredol wneud penderfyniad NAC OES

Angen i'r Cyngor wneud penderfyniad NAC OES

YR AELOD O'R BWRDD GWEITHREDOL SY'N GYFRIFOL AM Y PORTFFOLIO:- Y Cynghorydd E Dole (Arweinydd y Cyngor)

Y Gyfarwyddiaeth:

Y Prif Weithredwr

Enw Pennaeth y Gwasanaeth:

Linda Rees-Jones

Awdur yr Adroddiad:

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

15/06/18

APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR B CHAPMAN

An application for dispensation to speak and vote in relation to matters regarding the Chamber of trade has been received from Cllr Barry Chapman of Whitland Town Council. Councillor Chapman has a personal interest in such matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(a)(ix)(ee) of the Code of Conduct as he is a member and Chair of the Chamber. This interest is also a prejudicial interest as a member of the public, with full knowledge of the facts, would reasonably regard that interest as so significant as to prejudice the Councillor's judgement of the public interest.

The application is submitted on 4 grounds specified in the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation)(Wales) Regulations 2001 namely;

(b) inability to participate would upset the political balance of the meeting to such an extent that the outcome would be likely to be affected (*this only applies to County Councillors*)

(d) no damage to public confidence

(e) common interest with significant proportion of the general public

(h) interest relates to a voluntary organisation (limited to speaking only)

In addition, a further ground would appear to apply, namely;

(f) participation justified due to the member's special expertise

In response to a request for further information Cllr Chapman confirmed the following;

"I currently work in Post Office and Grocery Store in the Town, my wife runs a Cake Shop in the town and family members also have a shop. My personal objective is to revitalise the Town Trade for a sustainable future for all of the town not just family. Membership at the moment is around 30 businesses not just in main street but also periphal industrial estate, individual trades E.G Jewellery making and mobile discos etc. So far the Chamber has organised a Street Clean where the main street was pressure washed and freshened up a Spring Fayre to attract more people to the town, over 400 pax attended. A 12 page supplement in Carmarthen Journal to promote the Heritage, History and Culture. We are looking to pull together the over 22 Associations in the town to work together, organising street fayres to co-incide with activities alraedy in town Eg Carnival Day and Christmas Fayre. A further fayre is under way for Autumn. In negotiation with WAG for new signage for the town, generation of revenue from events to finance a Tourist Information Centre, paint the main street using local contractors for the benefit of the whole town residents, visitors and all businesses.

So my interest could be classed as a financial gain, but it is for the gain of the town which has over 130 businesses" (A copy of the Chamber's constitution is also attached)

If the committee is minded to grant the application, it has an absolute discretion as to duration, it may grant it until the end of the Councillor's term of office, or some other date, such as the date of a future meeting of this committee.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?

NO

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: L. Rees Jones

Head of Administration and Law

Policy, Crime & Disorder & Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: L. Rees Jones

Head of Administration and Law

(Please specify the outcomes of consultations undertaken where they arise against the following headings)

1. Scrutiny Committee

Not applicable

2. Local Member(s)

Not applicable

3. Community / Town Council

Not applicable

4. Relevant Partners

Not applicable

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations

Not applicable

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Legal file	DPSC-162	Legal Services, County Hall