

**APPLICATION TO THE 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:	Councillor Ken Lloyd
Name of your Council:	Carmarthenshire County Council & Carmarthen Town Council
Your address and postcode:	c/o County Hall, Carmarthen, SA31 1JP
Contact telephone number(s):	
Email address:	

2. DETAILS OF YOUR INTEREST

What is the matter under consideration?	
Any matter relating to the provision of rail services in mid and west wales, in particular on the Heart of Wales Line	
What is your interest in the above matter?	
I am a member of HOWLTA (Heart of Wales line Traveller's Association)	
When will the above matter be considered?	
At any time during the remainder of my term of office	
Are you applying for dispensation to:	
Speak only: <input type="checkbox"/>	Speak and vote: x <input type="checkbox"/>
Make written Representations x <input type="checkbox"/>	Exercise Executive Powers <input type="checkbox"/>

3. GROUNDS FOR DISPENSATION

Regulations issued by the National Assembly for Wales prescribe the circumstances in which the Standards Committee may grant a dispensation. These grounds for granting a dispensation are summarised below and are set out in full in the attached guidance notes. On which of the following grounds do you believe that a dispensation should be granted in this case? Please tick the appropriate box(es).

• at least half of the members considering the business has an interest	<input type="checkbox"/>
• my inability to participate would upset the political balance of the meeting to such an extent that the outcome would be likely to be affected;	<input type="checkbox"/>
• my participation would not damage public confidence	x <input type="checkbox"/>
• the interest is common to me and a significant proportion of the general public;	<input type="checkbox"/>
• my participation in the business is justified by my particular role or expertise;	<input type="checkbox"/>
• the business is to be considered by an overview and scrutiny committee and my interest is not a pecuniary interest;	<input type="checkbox"/>
• the business relates to the finances or property of a voluntary organisation of whose management committee or board I am a member and I have no other interest	<input type="checkbox"/>
• it is appropriate to do so in all the circumstances where not otherwise possible to make reasonable adjustments to accommodate a person's disability	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF YOUR APPLICATION

Please set out below the reasons why you consider that the Standards Committee should grant a dispensation in this case:

(Please note that failure to complete this section will result in the application form being returned to you)

The Heart of Wales Line runs from Craven Arms on the English border to Llanelli, serving a number of towns and villages in Carmarthenshire, particularly, Llandovery, Llandeilo and Ammanford and providing these communities with their only connection to mainline services at Swansea and Shrewsbury. The line is therefore very important to the places that it serves.

The line has been under regular threat of closure since the 1960's and HOWLTA was formed for the purpose of promoting the line, lobbying for suitable services and encouraging people to use it so it is available for the travellers of the future. It does not have charitable status.

I have been a member of HOWLTA for over forty years but I do not attend meetings at a national or local level, nor do I participate in any promotional or fund-raising activities.

I am concerned that without a dispensation I will be unable to participate in any council business relating to or likely to affect the line. This might include planning applications, grant applications from community groups and discussions relating to UK and Welsh Government consultations on public transport provision generally and the future of the line in particular.

Given the aims and purposes of HOWLTA and my limited involvement in the organisation, I do not believe that my participation in such council business would damage public confidence. Support for the Heart of Wales line is not limited to HOWLTA members and it would seem perverse that a Councillor who shares the aims and objectives of HOWLTA, but is not a member, would presumably be able to participate in such business but I may not.

(please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

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 Standards Committee. I request a dispensation in respect of the above matter.

Signed: Cllr Ken Lloyd

Date: 08/01/2019

Please return this form to the Monitoring Officer, Chief Executive's Department, Carmarthenshire County Council, County Hall, Carmarthen, SA31 1JP.

Guidance notes

- (1)** Please read through the Code of Conduct and decide which of the paragraphs is most appropriate to your case. Brief details of the relevant paragraphs are noted in the table below. If you are unsure, please contact the Monitoring Officer for advice.

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)(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]	

(2) The Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations)(Wales) Regulations 2001(as amended) state that a Standards Committee may grant dispensations where:

- (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;
- (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;
- (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;
- (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;
- (e) the interest is common to the member and a significant proportion of the general public;
- (f) the participation of the member in the business to which the interest relates is justified by the member's particular role or expertise;
- (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;
- (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
- (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.

- (j) It is considered appropriate in all the circumstances to do so where not otherwise possible to make reasonable adjustments to accommodate a persons disability