

**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: <i>ROBERT JAMES</i>
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2. DETAILS OF YOUR INTEREST

What is the matter under consideration? <i>COUNCIL MOTION - TO ENCOURAGE DIFED PENSION FUND TO DIVERSIFY FROM FOSSIL FUELS</i>
What is your interest in the above matter? <i>PARTNER U A MEMBER OF PENSION FUND.</i>
When will the above matter be considered? <i>9TH OCTOBER 2019</i>
Are you applying for dispensation to: Speak only: <input type="checkbox"/> Speak and vote: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Make written Representations <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 checked="" 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	<input type="checkbox"/>
• the interest is common to me and a significant proportion of the general public;	<input checked="" 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"/>

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)

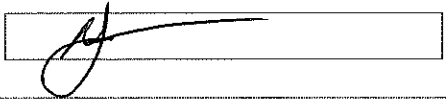
I am proposing that Standards permits me to table a motion and propose it to Council for a vote. The motion calls on Dyfed Pension Fund to divert from fossil fuels within the next 18 months and invest the funds in local renewable energy schemes.

The motion is making an environmental argument rather than an economic one. As a major employer in the region I believe that I and a number of Councillors will be amongst a significant proportion of the general public who has a relative/friend that is a member of the Pension Fund.

Having researched this matter for some time, I believe that my knowledge will help Members during the debate. I do not consider that I have a prejudicial interest, as the principal consequences of the vote, for members of the pension fund is debatable and not being a Councillor that sits on the Pension Fund I will have no ability to mandate them to divert in the event of a 'yes' vote.

(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: 

Date: 15 / 09 / 19

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