

MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
FORM FOR APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION



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 County Borough Council
 Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol
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Member's Application for Dispensation
in respect of a Prejudicial Interest

Note:

Under Section 81 (4) of the Local Government Act 2000, a member who has a prejudicial interest in a matter which is under consideration may not participate in the consideration of that matter by the Authority, a Committee or Sub-Committee unless he/she has first obtained a dispensation from the Standards Committee.

You may apply for a dispensation by completing this form and sending it to the Monitoring Officer not less than 10 days before the date when the matter is to be considered.

1.	Member's Name:	E. C. GALS WORTHY
2.	What is the matter/subject for which you seek a dispensation?	NUCLEAR FREE LOCAL AUTHORITIES
3.	What body (Authority, a Committee or Sub-Committee) is this matter to be considered by?	COUNCIL - CABINET ANNUAL MEETING
4.	What is the nature of your prejudicial interest?	I AM TOLD THAT I RECEIVE A BENEFIT IF I ATTEND A CONFERENCE OF THE NUCLEAR FREE LOCAL AUTHORITIES
5.	When will this matter be considered?	
6.	Are you applying for dispensation to speak only or to speak and vote?	Speak only <input type="checkbox"/> Speak and Vote <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

7.	<p>Under which of the following grounds do you seek this dispensation? (Please tick the options that apply to you)</p>	
a.	<p>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:</p>	
b.	<p>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:</p>	
c.	<p>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:</p>	
d.	<p>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:</p>	
e.	<p>The interest is common to the member and a significant proportion of the general public:</p>	
f.	<p>The participation of the member in the business to which the interest relates is justified by the member's particular role or expertise.</p>	
g.	<p>The business to which the interest relates is to be considered by a scrutiny committee of the relevant Authority and the member's interest is not a pecuniary interest.</p>	
h.	<p>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</p>	

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.	
8.	<p>Please set out below the reasons why you consider that the Standards Committee should grant this dispensation:</p> <p>I DO NOT AGREE THAT I HAVE AN INTEREST AND SHOULD NOT VOTE ON NUCLEAR FREE LOCAL AUTHORITY ISSUES, AS I WAS ADVISED BY THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT THAT I HAD AN INTEREST I ACQUIRED TO THE SITUATION AND DECLARED AN INTEREST WHEN THIS MATTER WAS DISCUSSED AT COUNCIL ON 27 SEPTEMBER. I FIND IT ODD THAT MEMBERS WHO ARE APPOINTED TO SOUTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AND THE NATIONAL PARKS PLANNING COMMITTEE DO NOT NEED TO DECLARE AN INTEREST EVEN THOUGH THEY RECEIVE FINANCIAL REMUNERATION FROM THESE BODIES. THE NUCLEAR FREE LOCAL AUTHORITIES PAY NO SUCH REMUNERATION YET I AM TOLD I SHOULD DECLARE AN INTEREST. THE NUCLEAR FREE LOCAL AUTHORITIES DO NOT HOLD CONFERENCES. THEY REGULARLY HOLD SEMINARS WHICH RARELY EXTEND MORE THAN 1 DAY. I BELIEVE I AM BEING UNFAIRLY TREATED BY BEING ADVISED TO DECLARE AN INTEREST AND REQUEST A DISPENSATION TO VOTE AND SPEAK ON THESE ISSUES</p>	

Please note: Further information may be requested by the Standards Committee.

Signed



Dated:

16/10/2017

Please return to the Democratic Services Department