

MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
FORM FOR APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION



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County Borough Council
Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol
MERTHYR TUDFUL

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 Democratic Services Department not less than 10 days before the date when the matter is to be considered.

1.	Member's Name:	
2.	Details of your interest	
a.	What is the matter/subject for which you seek a dispensation?	
b.	What body (Authority, a Committee or Sub-Committee) is this matter to be considered by?	
c.	What is the nature of your prejudicial interest?	
d.	When will this matter be considered?	

3.	Details of your application	
a.	Are you applying for dispensation to speak only or to speak and vote?	Speak only <input type="checkbox"/> Speak and Vote <input type="checkbox"/>
b.	Are you applying for a dispensation for a specific subject matter and for a particular period of time. If so, please give details.	
c.	Or are you applying for a general dispensation so that you can take part whenever the matter arises?	
4.	Under which of the following grounds do you seek this dispensation? (Please tick the options that apply to you)	
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 a 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.	
5.	Please set out below the reasons why you consider that the Standards Committee should grant this dispensation:	

Please note:

- Your application will not be considered unless every part of this form is completed.
- Further information may be requested by the Standards Committee.

Signed _____ Dated: _____

Please return to the Democratic Services Department