

STANDARDS REPORT



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To: Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS AND CO-OPTED MEMBERS REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION - COUNCILLOR TONY CHAPLIN

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To consider an application from a Councillor who seeks dispensation to speak and vote on all housing related matters (with the exception of those pertaining to Wales and West Housing), Natural Heritage, Historic Environment, Ffos-y-Fran and also matters relating to the Countryside and 'Open Spaces' and to any pursuant "interest" that may be deemed to arise thereunto, relating to any business conducted by the Authority or any of its Committees which comes before the Council, Cabinet or any of its Committees.

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1** Attached, as appendix 1, is a copy of a letter received from Councillor Tony Chaplin. Councillor Chaplin seeks dispensation to speak and vote on all housing related matters (with the exception of those pertaining to Wales and West Housing), Natural Heritage, Historic Environment, Ffos-y-Fran and also matters relating to the Countryside and 'Open Spaces' and to any pursuant "interest" that may be deemed to arise thereunto.
- 1.2** Councillor Chaplin seeks dispensation in accordance with paragraphs 2 (d) and (f) of the Standards Committee (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 (hereinafter called "the Regulations").
- 1.3** Within the letter Councillor Chaplin has set out the reasons why, in his opinion, he should be granted dispensation.

2.0 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

2.1 It has been identified that an Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) is not required for the purpose of this report.

3.0 DECISION REQUIRED

3.1 The Committee is requested, in light of the facts presented in the report contained within the application, whether or not it is prepared to exercise its discretion under any of the sub sections of Regulation 2 of the Standards Committee (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to grant the Councillor seeking dispensation an entitlement to speak and not vote or vote and speak at any meeting (where appropriate).

**GARETH CHAPMAN
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

BACKGROUND PAPERS		
<i>Title of Document(s)</i>	<i>Document(s) Date</i>	<i>Document Location</i>
Request for dispensation	23 rd May 2012	Democratic Services