

Dear Ann

I'm writing to you regarding an application for dispensation. Prior to the Code of Conduct Training and the signing of our declaration in Council Chambers I declared an interest in Communities First. There are changes being made to Communities First and due to me being a Communities First Development Officer I thought it best for me to declare an interest. However, I feel with the knowledge I have of Communities First and the importance of it to the community that perhaps I could have some involvement in the meetings. I've provided the dispensations I feel may have a bearing on my position.

D The nature of the member's interest is such that the members 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 members 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 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.

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.

Take care

Rhonda