

FORM FOR DISPENSATION

Note

Under Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2000, a member who has a personal and prejudicial interest in a matter which is under consideration may not participate in the consideration of that matter by the Council, Cabinet, Committee, Sub-Committee or other meeting unless he/she has first obtained a dispensation from the Standards Committee. The Committee may grant dispensation to vote and/or speak as appropriate.

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

1.	Member's name:	Cllr. Lloyd Parker. Llangrymm Ward, Monmouthshire.
2.	What is the matter which is shortly to be considered and in respect of which you seek a dispensation?	Funding request from Llandgrymm Rugby Club (LRC).
3.	What body (Council, Cabinet, Committee, Sub-Committee, Working Group, etc.) is due to consider the matter?	Llandgrymm Town Council (LTC).
4.	What is the nature of your personal interest?	<p>My son is a player on LRC's senior team. My grandson is a player on LRC's junior team. My company sponsors the senior team's kit and my wife's company supplies and maintains the junior team's kit for an annual fee.</p> <p>I was LRC's Treasurer for many years but gave up the role when I became a Councillor.</p>
5.	What is the date of the meeting at which this matter is to be considered?	24 June 2019

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6.	Under which of the following grounds do you seek the dispensation :	
(a)	Where no fewer than half of the members of the relevant authority or of a committee of the authority Council (as the case may be) by which the business is to be considered has an interest which relates to that business;	No.
(b)	Where 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;	No.
(c)	Where 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 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;	I am an Independent Councillor.
(d)	Where 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;	No.
(e)	Where the interest is common to the member and a significant proportion of the general public;	A lot of the town's residents have indicated their support in meetings and in correspondence. A Facebook page set up to support LRC's funding request has received over 10,000 likes.
(f)	Where the participation of the member in the business to which the interest relates is justified by the member's particular role or expertise;	As a past Treasurer I have an excellent working knowledge of the way in which LRC's funds are employed.

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(g)	Where the business to which the interest relates is to be considered by an overview and scrutiny committee of the relevant authority and a member's interest is not a pecuniary interest.	N/A
(h)	Where 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 Authority and the member has no other interest in that business (NOTE — any dispensation on this ground may not extend to being able to vote)	N/A
(i)	Where the member asks the Standards Committee to determine that it appears to the committee to be in the interests of the inhabitants of the area of the Authority that the disability should be removed.	<i>[I'm not entirely clear on the significance of this section. Can the SC provide guidance? LP]</i>
(j)	Where it appears to the Standards Committee to be otherwise appropriate to grant a dispensation. A dispensation granted under paragraph (j) must be reviewed by the Standards Committee once in every 12 months from the date on which the dispensation was first granted to determine whether the dispensation should continue to have effect.	Noted.
7.	Do you seek a dispensation just for one meeting or for a longer period? If longer, please state a period not exceeding one calendar year.	I would like the dispensation to cover the meeting on 24 June 2019 and any other meetings of the LTC at which LRC funding is to be discussed.
8.	Please set out below the reasons why you consider that the Standards Committee should grant you this dispensation:	

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After a very successful season LRC's senior and junior teams have been promoted. The Club Secretary has written to LTC explaining why LRC needs additional funding of £100,000 to purchase a replacement mini-bus, refurbish the existing visitor's changing area in the Club House and make long overdue improvements to the pitch drainage system.

I am a passionate supporter of LRC and believe it has been a significant factor in bringing the local community together. Additionally, local crime figures in general, and juvenile crime figures in particular, have fallen year on year to match LRC's growing dominance of the local leagues. To maintain and, ideally, further develop the advantages of this relationship, I believe it is vital that LRC's request for funding should be approved by LTC.

To represent the strongly held views of the people who live in my ward and to express my own, equally strong, views (and knowledge) on the matter, I need to participate fully in the meeting on 24 June (and all future meetings on the subject of LRC funding). To do this, I would respectfully ask the Standards Committee for a dispensation to enable me to speak and to vote at all such meetings.

Signed.....Cllr LR.....

Date:.....3 June 2019.....