



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2021 - 2022

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

19 NOVEMBER 2021

APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION – COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR P. JARMAN

REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To enable the Committee to decide whether to grant a dispensation to County Borough Councillor Pauline Jarman to speak and vote on all matters for the duration and adoption of the 2022-23 Budget process in her capacity as Leader of the Opposition.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 To consider granting County Borough Councillor Pauline Jarman a dispensation to speak and vote on all matters for the duration and adoption of the 2022-23 Budget process in her capacity as Leader of the Opposition.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Paragraph 14 of the Code of Conduct sets out the procedures to be followed regarding participation in meetings when a Member has declared a personal and prejudicial interest.

3.2 However the participation by a Member in any business which is prohibited by Paragraph 14 is not a failure to comply with the Code if the Member has acted in accordance with a dispensation from the prohibition granted by the Standards Committee in accordance with regulations.

3.3 The relevant regulations are the Standards Committee (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001. These regulations set out the grounds on which dispensations may be granted.

- 3.4 County Borough Councillor Pauline Jarman's son works in the Streetcare Department and lives with her at her home address. Councillor Jarman therefore seeks a dispensation to speak and vote on all services affected by the Budget. In her application for dispensation Councillor Jarman states that by virtue of being Leader of an Opposition Group (Plaid Cymru), her participation in the Budget process is justified.
- 3.5 One of the grounds for granting a dispensation is:-
- “(f) the participation of the Member in the business to which the interest relates is justified by the Member's particular role or expertise.”
- 3.6 It is therefore recommended the Committee consider granting Councillor Pauline Jarman a dispensation to speak and vote on all matters for the duration and adoption of the 2022-23 Budget process in her capacity as Leader of the Opposition.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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