



**THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**Application for a Dispensation to the Standards Committee under
Section 2 of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales)
Regulations 2001**

Name of Councillor	Rhiannon Birch
Address	9 Grave Place
Name of Member's relevant Authority and Ward	Caverswell ward and the Penarth Town Council Vale Council
Nature of Dispensation sought	Matters concerning Penarth Town Council and the Vale under Restoring Services.
Date of meeting / issue to be discussed (if known)	Ongoing
Do you seek a dispensation just for the one meeting or for a longer period? If longer, please state a period. <i>(N.B. All dispensations granted expire at the next Council elections.)</i>	5 yrs.
Level of dispensation sought <i>(i.e. to speak only or to speak and vote)</i>	speak and vote.
Relevant paragraph(s) under which dispensation can be granted <i>(See (a) to (i) overleaf)</i>	d, f, g.

<p>Details of the Prejudicial Interest</p>	<p>longstanding member of Taon Council. Reshaping services Agenda will affect PTC & The Vale</p>
<p>Details of any Position of responsibility / control held on your Council (e.g. Chairman / Vice-Chairman / Cabinet Member)</p>	<p>Chair of Venues Ctee.</p>
<p>Reason(s) to support the application and why you consider the Standards Committee should grant a dispensation</p> <p>(Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary)</p>	<p>I am able to separate the different interests of the Vale and Taon Councils. A prejudicial interest is very unlikely to occur.</p>

SIGNED Rhiannon M Birch DATED 18/5/17

Each section of the form MUST be fully completed. Incomplete forms will be returned and not be considered until properly completed.

Please return completed form to:
Democratic Services Section, Directorate of Resources

Circumstances When A Standards Committee May Grant Dispensations

The Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001 specifies that the Council's Standards Committee may grant dispensations under Section 81(4) of the Local Government Act 2000 where:

- (a) no fewer than half of the Members of the Council or of a committee of the Council (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 the Executive of the Council (i.e. Leader and Cabinet) 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) Members' inability to participate would upset the political balance of the Council, or any of its committees 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 Council'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 registerable interest relates to business, which is to be considered by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the Council, and the Member's interest is not a pecuniary/financial interest;
- (h) the business 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 Council 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 Standards Committee to be in the interests of the inhabitants of the area of the Council that the disability should be removed; or
- (j) it appears to the Standards Committee to be otherwise appropriate to grant a dispensation.