



**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	Marguerita Wright
Address	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Name of Member's relevant Authority and Ward	Illtyd Ward Barry Vale of Glamorgan Council
Nature of Dispensation sought	Dispensation to Speak, Vote and remain in meetings when issues are raised (including budgets) in respect of Whitmore High school as my grandchild attends the school.
Date of meeting / issue to be discussed (if known)	Any meetings of the Vale Council including Full Council meetings where matters relating to the above school are to be discussed
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>	Until the next Local Government elections in 2022
Level of dispensation sought <i>(i.e. to speak only or to speak and vote)</i>	Dispensation to Speak, Vote and Remain in meetings.
Relevant paragraph(s) under which dispensation can be granted <i>(See (a) to (j) overleaf)</i>	I refer you to the issues raised below but specifically (d), (e), (f) & (i)

<p>Details of the Prejudicial Interest</p>	<p>My grandchild attends the School</p>
<p>Details of any Position of responsibility / control held on your Council (e.g. <i>Chairman / Vice-Chairman / Cabinet Member</i>)</p>	<p>Ward Councillor for Illtyd Ward</p>
<p>Reason(s) to support the application and why you consider the Standards Committee should grant a dispensation</p> <p><i>(Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary)</i></p>	<p>As a Councillor of the Vale of Glamorgan the dispensation is being sought to speak, vote and remain at meetings where issues raised in relation to the school as named above and particularly in respect of budgets. As my are pupils in a school this is no different to any other child attending any school in the Vale of Glamorgan and their attendance has no relevance on any aspect of my work as a Councillor.</p>

SIGNED:M Wright

DATED: 12th March 2020

Each section of the form MUST be fully completed.

(N.B. If you are submitting your application form electronically, without a signature, please give written permission for the receiving officer to sign the application form on your behalf. **Failure to do this will result in the application being deemed incomplete and returned to the applicant.)**

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER (IF APPROPRIATE):

*Please return completed form to:
Democratic and Scrutiny Services, Directorate of Resources, Room 26, 1st Floor,
Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU*

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. [If this circumstance is relied upon it will be required to be reviewed on a 12 month basis – Local Government (Standards Committees, Investigations, Dispensations and Referral) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 (3(1)A)]