

**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**MUNICIPAL YEAR 2014-2015**

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**4 NOVEMBER 2014**

	<b>AGENDA ITEM NO.5(a)</b>
<b>APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION - COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR P. JARMAN</b>	

**REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER**

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**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 at meetings of the Council and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on matters relating to all services affected by the Budget process.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

To consider granting County Borough Councillor Pauline Jarman a dispensation to speak and vote at meetings of the Council and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on matters relating to all services affected by the Budget process.

**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 Code if the Member has acted in accordance with a dispensation from the prohibition granted by the Standards Committee in accordance with regulations.

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

3.3 County Borough Councillor Pauline Jarman states in her application for dispensation that by virtue of being Leader of an Opposition Group, her participation in the Budget process is justified. However as Councillor Jarman's son works in the Streetcare Department and lives with her at her

home address, Councillor Jarman seeks a dispensation to speak and vote on all services affected by the Budget.

3.4 One of the grounds of 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.”

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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

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