

Committee:	Standards Committee
Date:	12 October 2009
Title:	Application for dispensation by Councillor John Pughe Roberts
Author:	Monitoring Officer
Action:	To decide upon the application

Background

1. I attach as **Appendix 1** a copy of an application for dispensation form submitted by Councillor John Pughe Roberts, an elected member of Gwynedd Council representing Corris/Mawddwy.
2. The Councillor is applying for a dispensation to allow him to take part in discussions relating to the Council's schools reorganisation plan. This would be relevant when discussions affect Dinas Mawddwy School as his sister's children are pupils there.
3. In June 2008, the Committee set down the following guidelines to follow when considering applications for dispensations relating to the School Organisation Plan:

"It was agreed that setting guidelines to be followed when considering applications relating to the Schools Organisation Plan would be of assistance to consider every application on its merits and to be consistent when making decisions.

Consequently, it was resolved that a husband or wife, children, brother or sister would amount to too close a connection to allow dispensation in terms of a specific school since it would be difficult for the public to gain confidence in the way a decision would be reached."

4. Attached as **Appendix 2** is a letter sent to all members of the Council recently, which, together with the minutes enclosed with it, provide the background to this matter.
5. Attached for information as **Appendix 3**, is paragraph 2 of the relevant regulations setting out the circumstances in which dispensation may be granted.

Recommendation

6. The Committee is requested to consider and decide upon Councillor John Pughe Roberts' application for a dispensation.