

<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Standards Committee</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>29 September 2014</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Application for dispensation by Councillor Mike Stevens</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Monitoring Officer</b>
<b>Action:</b>	<b>To decide upon the application</b>

### **Background**

1. Cllr Mike Stevens of Tywyn Town Council has applied for a dispensation. Copies of his e-mail and application form are appended to this report.
2. The Standards Committee may grant a dispensation if the situation comes within one (or more) of those listed in the relevant regulations. These situations are listed in the appended guidance notes.
3. The Ombudsman's Guidelines on the code of Conduct notes the following in relation to granting dispensations

*"The standards committee will need to balance the public interest in preventing members with prejudicial interests from taking part in decisions, against the public interest in decisions being taken by a reasonably representative group of members of the authority."*

### **Recommendation**

4. The Committee is requested to consider and decide upon Councillor Mike Stevens' application for a dispensation.