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Meeting

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Date and Time

10.30 am, WEDNESDAY, 10TH JANUARY, 2024

Location

Cyfarfod Rhithiol / Virtual Meeting

(For public access to the meeting, please contact us)

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STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Membership

Elected Members (3)

Councillors

Anne Lloyd-Jones
Beth Lawton
Dewi Owen

Independent Members (with a vote) (5)

Aled Jones
David Wareing
Hywel Eifion Jones
Mark Jones
[vacant seat]

Community Committee Member (with a vote) (1)

Richard Parry Hughes

A G E N D A

1. APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

To receive any declaration of personal interest.

3. URGENT ITEMS

To note any items that are a matter of urgency in the view of the Chairman for consideration.

4. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION - COUNCILLOR DAWN JONES 4 - 13

To submit the report of the Monitoring Officer.

5. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION - COUNCILLOR GWYNFOR OWEN 14 - 23

To submit the report of the Monitoring Officer.

COMMITTEE:	Standards Committee
DATE:	10 January 2024
TITLE:	Application for Dispensation – Councillor Dawn Jones
AUTHOR:	Monitoring Officer
ACTION:	Determining the Application

Background

- 1 I attach a copy of Councillor Dawn Jones's application form, Member for Cadnant Ward, Caernarfon, Cyngor Gwynedd in relation to a Task Group that has been established by the Care Scrutiny Committee, which includes Members of the Education and Economy Scrutiny Committee.
2. Councillor Dawn Jones had declared a prejudicial interest because individuals with whom she had a close personal connection were receiving the services that were the subject of the scrutiny. This was after obtaining the advice of the Deputy Monitoring Officer and corresponded with the advice I have given in a similar case.
3. The Standards Committee is entitled to grant a dispensation if the situation falls within one (or more) of the situations listed below:

"(a) if no fewer than half of the members of the relevant authority or of a committee of the authority (as the case may be) by which the business is to be considered has an interest which relates to that business;

(b) if no fewer than half the members of a leader and cabinet executive by which the business is to be considered have an interest that relates to that business and that either paragraph (ch) or paragraph (d) also apply;

(c) in the case of a county council or a county borough council, if a member's inability to participate would upset the political balance of the relevant authority or the committee of the authority by which the business is to be considered to such an extent that the outcome is likely to be affected;

(ch) if the nature of the member's interest is such that the member's participation in the business that the interest relates to would not damage the public's confidence in the way the relevant authority's business is undertaken;

(d) if the interest is common to the member and a significant proportion of the general public;

(dd) if the member's participation in the business to which the interest relates is justified by the member's particular role or expertise;

- (e) if the business to which the interest relates to is considered by an overview and scrutiny committee of the relevant authority and that the member's interest is not a financial interest;
- (f) if the business which is to be considered relates to the finances or property of a voluntary organisation of which the member is a member of its management committee or board other than as a representative of the relevant authority and that 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; or
- (ff) if it appears to the committee to be in the interests of the inhabitants of the area of the relevant authority that the inability should be removed, provided that written notification of the grant of the dispensation is given to the National Assembly for Wales within seven days in such manner as it may specify."

I note that the application is made on ground (dd).

Background

4. I have consulted the Democracy Service to seek clarity on the role and purpose of the Task Group. The Task Group was established by the Care Scrutiny Committee in September 2023. It was to include five elected members, two nominated from the Education and Economy Scrutiny Committee. A copy of the Task Group's terms of reference is attached in Appendix 2. Please note that it is not within the role of a Task and Finish Group to call for evidence of a matter from users or experts. A scrutiny investigation would lead to this. A Task Group may make commendations to be considered by the Scrutiny Committee. It should be noted that a Task Group is a group of members who will review a field, and although they do not make decisions as such, their report will influence the direction of scrutiny in this field.
5. The establishing of the Task Group came about because of a presentation to the Care Scrutiny Community on the Autism Plan. In that meeting it was resolved to:

"Establish a Task and Finish Group to discuss implementing the Plan with the new team, ensuring representation from the Education Department and the Health Board"
6. In considering the application I also note that the Economy and Education Committee have recommended appointing the member and have recommended that they apply for a dispensation. Reserve members have been appointed.

7. The Ombudsman's guidance on the Code of Conduct state the following in relation to dispensations in general:

"3.51 Only the Standards Committee can grant the dispensation and will do so at its discretion. 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 Council."

8. Any further information that will have been received regarding the applications will be presented in the meeting.

The Application

9. A Task Group is considered a "meeting" according to the definition in the Code of Conduct. I note that the fact that a meeting makes decisions or not is irrelevant to the definition of "meeting".
10. The interest arises from a matter that affects the well-being of individuals with whom the member has a close relationship, namely grandchildren who are receiving the service in question in an educational context. This is one of the aspects that the Working Group is specifically addressing.
11. Although Dawn Jones works for Sylfaen Cymunedol, a company that delivers community projects to support young people across Anglesey, Conwy and Gwynedd which inevitably comes into contact with young people with autism, having discussed with the member it was not considered that the nature or level of this involvement is affected by what is in question.
12. The application is made on the grounds that Councillor Dawn Jones has expertise in the field of autism due to her particular role or expertise. The explanation of the grounds for this statement is explained in the application. I note that it will not be the Task Group members' role to advise or give guidance.
13. My guidance is that the ground of expertise and role should be considered carefully, and that the member must be able to demonstrate a recognised expertise in a field or role that has a recognised status.

Summary

14. The question of the working group's role or the fact that a personal prejudicial interest exists is not the matter at hand. This is implied in a dispensation application. What the Committee is required to consider is whether there are clear grounds for granting the dispensation, on what conditions, and where does the balance of the public interest fall against Personal Interest.

The Committee could:

1. Approve the application
2. Approve it partially e.g. allow participation in some particular circumstances
3. Refuse the application

Recommendation

The Committee is asked consider and decide on the application

APPENDIX 1

Request to Standards Committee for Dispensation



YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED IF NOT ALL PARTS OF THIS FORM ARE COMPLETED

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

1.1 Your name
Dawn Lynne Jones

1.2 Name of your Council – Cyngor Gwynedd

1.3 Your address and contact telephone number (submitted)

2. DETAILS OF YOUR INTEREST

2.1 What is the item in question?
Autism Scheme Task and Finish Group Care Scrutiny Committee

2.1 How does your interest in the item arise?
I am a step grandmother to two boys who live with autism and attend Pendalar School.

3. DETAILS OF YOUR APPLICATION

3.1 Are you asking for a dispensation to speak and vote or to speak only?
To speak to share experiences and to offer constructive ideas.

3.2 Are you:

(a) request a dispensation for a particular meeting? If so please specify which:
Autism Scheme Task and Finish Group Care Scrutiny Committee

or

(b) require a general dispensation to participate whenever the issue arises?

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4. The relevant Regulations set out the circumstances in which the Standards Committee may grant a dispensation and are summarised below (full details of which can be found in the notes to this form). Please indicate which of those circumstance(s) apply to your application by ticking the relevant box(s):

1. at least half of the members considering the issue have an interest	<input type="checkbox"/>
1. The fact that I am unable to participate would disrupt the political balance of the meeting to such an extent that the outcome was likely to be affected	<input type="checkbox"/>
1. my participation would not damage public confidence	<input type="checkbox"/>
1. the interest is common to me and to a significant proportion of the public	<input type="checkbox"/>
1. I am justified in participating because of my specific role or expertise	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1. The business is to be considered by a scrutiny committee and I have no financial interest	<input type="checkbox"/>
1. The business pertains to the money or property of a voluntary body of which I am a member of its committee or board of management and have no other interest	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. State below why you think the Standards Committee should grant your application (i.e. why do you think you should be allowed to attend the meeting as a member, even though you have a prejudicial interest?)

I have personal and professional experience of working with children and young people living with autism.
I have worked in the education field for 34 years and I believe my knowledge will help in scrutinising the Australasiath Scheme.

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Signed _____ d.l.jones _____
Date 21/11/23 _____

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Nodiadau ar gwblhau'r ffurflen

1. Hon yw'r ffurflen ar gyfer cyflwyno cais am oddefeb, sef caniatâd i gymryd rhan mewn trafodaeth er bod gennych *'fuddiant sy'n rhagfarnu'* o dan y Cod Ymddygiad. Gellir cael gwybodaeth bellach am fuddiannau yn y Cod Ymddygiad ei hun, Canllawiau'r Ombwdsmon ac yn llyfryn 'Buddiannau' Cyngor Gwynedd.

2. Yr amgylchiadau lle gellir caniatáu gollyngiadau

Mae gan y Pwyllgor Safonau'r hawl i ganiatáu cais os yw'n dod o fewn un o'r amgylchiadau a restrir yn *Rheoliadau Pwyllgorau Safonau (Caniatáu Gollyngiadau) (Cymru) 2001*, sef:

“(a) os oes gan ddim llai na hanner aelodau'r awdurdod perthnasol neu hanner aelodau un o bwyllgorau'r awdurdod (yn ôl fel y digwydd) y mae'r busnes i gael ei ystyried ganddo fuddiant sy'n berthnasol i'r busnes hwnnw;

(b) os oes gan ddim llai na hanner aelodau gweithrediaeth arweinydd a chabinet y mae'r busnes i gael ei ystyried ganddo fuddiant sy'n berthnasol i'r busnes hwnnw a bod naill ai paragraff (ch) neu baragraff (d) hefyd yn gymwys;

(c) yn achos cyngor sir neu gyngor bwrdeistref sirol, os byddai anallu aelod i gymryd rhan yn tarfu ar gydbwysedd gwleidyddol yr awdurdod perthnasol neu'r pwyllgor o'r awdurdod y mae'r busnes i'w ystyried ganddo i'r fath raddau nes y byddai'r canlyniad yn debygol o gael ei effeithio;

(ch) os yw natur buddiant yr aelod yn gyfryw fel na fyddai cyfranogiad yr aelod yn y busnes y mae'r buddiant yn berthnasol iddo yn niweidio hyder y cyhoedd yn y modd y mae busnes yr awdurdod perthnasol yn cael ei gynnal;

(d) os yw'r buddiant yn gyffredin i'r aelod ac i gyfran arwyddocaol o'r cyhoedd;

(dd) os oes cyfiawnhad i'r aelod gymryd rhan yn y busnes y mae'r buddiant yn berthnasol iddo oherwydd rôl neu arbenigedd penodol yr aelod;

(e) os yw'r busnes y mae'r buddiant yn berthnasol iddo i'w ystyried gan bwyllgor trosolygu a chraffu i'r awdurdod perthnasol ac nad yw buddiant yr aelod yn fuddiant ariannol;

(f) os yw'r busnes sydd i'w ystyried yn berthnasol i arian neu eiddo corff gwirfoddol y mae'r aelod yn aelod o'i bwyllgor neu ei fwrdd rheoli heblaw fel cynrychiolydd yr awdurdod perthnasol ac nad oes gan yr aelod unrhyw fuddiant arall yn y busnes hwnnw ar yr amod na fydd unrhyw ollyngiad yn ymestyn i gymryd rhan mewn unrhyw bleidlais mewn perthynas â'r busnes hwnnw; neu

(ff) os yw'n ymddangos i'r pwyllgor ei bod o les i drigolion ardal yr awdurdod perthnasol i'r anallu gael ei godi, ar yr amod bod hysbysiad ysgrifenedig bod y gollyngiad yn cael ei ganiatáu yn cael ei roi i Gynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru o fewn saith diwrnod a hynny mewn unrhyw fodd y gall ei bennu.”

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Appendix 2

TASK AND FINISH GROUP AUTISM PLAN BRIEF

What matter is being considered?

An update on the Gwynedd Autism Plan was presented to a meeting of the Care Scrutiny Committee on 20 April 2023. An update was submitted on the ongoing work, including an update on staffing, awareness raising steps, training and working in partnerships. In addition, the Cabinet Members responsible for Children and Adults Services submitted the priorities for the coming six months.

There were responses provided to several issues raised during the committee meeting, but some additional issues arose about the individual's experience when awaiting a diagnosis, frustration in the community regarding diagnosis waiting lists and a lack of clear understanding of the support available in schools following receiving a diagnosis.

The committee decided that they were keen to establish a task and finish group to discuss the matter further and requested that representatives from the Department of Education and the Health Board should be present to answer their concerns. It was also decided to extend an invitation to representatives of the Education and Economy Scrutiny Committee as the work bridges the work areas of both committees.

The purpose of the work is to ensure an understanding of the implementation of the Gwynedd Autism Plan as a whole, including:

- an understanding of the support available to individuals and their families when awaiting a diagnosis, and whether there are any barriers on the road to a diagnosis and
- following diagnosis, in particular the support available for children within our schools, and whether there are any barriers.

Actions

- Care Scrutiny Committee to receive the brief and identify three Members to participate. (21/09/2023)
- Invite representatives from the Education and Economy Scrutiny Committee (two members) to participate. We will correspond with members of the Education and Economy Scrutiny Committee by email following the Care Scrutiny Committee's decision on 21/09, formally confirming membership at the Education and Economy Scrutiny Committee meeting on 09/11/2023.

- Hold a meeting for the five members with representatives from the Children, Adults and Education Departments, and a representative from the Health Board. (Exact date to be confirmed following a discussion with key partners - anticipated end of 2023/beginning of 2024).
- Report back to the Care Scrutiny Committee - 1 February 2024 (depending on the date of the above meeting).

Key officers

A meeting will take place with the five members identified to take part in the task and finish group and the following key officers:

DEPARTMENT	KEY OFFICER
Children	Aled Gibbard, Senior Operational Manager
Adults	Helen Fôn Owen, Senior Learning Disabilities Manager
Education	Delyth Gibbard, Senior Communication and Interaction Teacher Dr Einir Peters, Senior Communication and Networking Educational Psychologist
Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board	To be confirmed.

COMMITTEE:	Standards Committee
DATE:	10 January 2024
TITLE:	Application for Dispensation – Councillor Gwynfor Owen
AUTHOR:	Monitoring Officer
ACTION:	Determining the Application

Background

1. I attach a copy of the application form of Councillor Gwynfor Owen, Harlech and Llanbedr Ward Member, Cyngor Gwynedd, in relation to a Task Group that was established by the Care Scrutiny Committee including Members from the Education and Economy Scrutiny Committee.
2. Councillor Gwynfor Owen who is a member of both Scrutiny Committees declared an interest that was prejudicial, as individuals that he had a close personal association with, namely his son, received the services that were subject to the scrutiny. This was after receiving advice from the Deputy Monitoring Officer and is in line with the advice that I had given.
3. The Standards Committee is entitled to allow dispensation if the situation falls within one (or more) of the situations listed below:
 - " (a) no fewer than half of the members of the relevant authority or of a committee of the authority (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 a leader and cabinet executive of the relevant authority 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) in the case of a county or county borough council, the inability of the member to participate would upset the political balance of the relevant authority or of the committee of the authority 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 relevant authority'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 business to which the interest relates is to be considered by an overview and scrutiny committee of the relevant authority and the member's interest is not a pecuniary interest;
- (h) the business which is to be considered 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 relevant authority 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; or
- (i) it appears to the committee to be in the interests of the inhabitants of the area of the relevant authority that the disability should be removed provided that written notification of the grant of the dispensation is given to the National Assembly for Wales within seven days in such manner as it may specify."

It was noted that it was on the basis of (d) (f) (g) that the application was made.

Background

4. I have consulted the Democracy Service to obtain clarity in terms of the role and intention of the Task Group. The Task Group was established by the Care Scrutiny Committee in September 2023. It was to include 5 elected members, 2 nominated from the Education and Economy Scrutiny Committee. A copy of the Task Group's terms of reference is attached in Appendix 2. Please note that it is not within the role of a Task and Finish Group to call for evidence of a matter from users or experts. A scrutiny investigation would lead to this. A Task Group may make recommendations to be considered by the Scrutiny Committee. It should be noted that a Task Group is a group of members who will review a field, and although they do not make decisions as such, their report will influence the direction of scrutiny in this matter
5. Establishing the Task Group arose from a presentation to the Care Scrutiny Committee on the Autism Plan. In the meeting it was decided to:

"Establish a Task and Finish Group to discuss implementing the Plan with the new team, ensuring representation from the Education Department and the Health Board"
6. When considering the application, it was also noted that the Education and Economy Committee had recommended appointing the member to the Task Group and had recommended that they made an application for dispensation. Reserve members have been appointed.

I also need to highlight that Councillor Gwynfor Owen's application for a general dispensation which would allow him to speak and vote on the matter on any occasion it arose.

The Ombudsman's Guidelines

7. The Ombudsman's guidelines on the Code of Conduct note the following in relation to dispensations in general:

"3.51 Only the Standards Committee can grant the dispensation and will do so at its discretion. 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 Council. ..."

8. Any further information that has been received regarding the applications will be presented in the meeting.

The Application

9. A Task Group is considered a "meeting" according to the definition of the Code of Conduct. It was noted that the fact that a meeting made a decision or not was not relevant to the definition of the "meeting".
10. The interest derives from a matter that affects the wellbeing of individuals with whom the member has a close relationship, namely his son who receives the service in question. This is in the context of education, which is one of the aspects that receives attention from the Working Group specifically.
13. My guidance is that the basis of expertise and role should be carefully considered and that it is necessary to be able to demonstrate recognised expertise in a field or role that has a recognised status.
14. In terms of the other grounds, I ask the Committee to consider the application and come to a view on the matter.

Summary

15. The question of the role of the working group, or the fact that there is a prejudicial personal interest, is not before us. This is implicit in an application for a dispensation. What the Committee is required to consider is whether there is a clear basis for granting a dispensation, on what conditions and where the balance of the public interest falls against Personal Interest.

The Committee could:

1. Approve the application
2. Approve it partially, e.g. allow participation in some particular circumstances
3. Refuse the application

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to consider and decide on the application.

APPENDIX 1

Request to Standards Committee for Dispensation



YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED IF NOT ALL PARTS OF THIS FORM ARE COMPLETED

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

1.1 Your name

Gwynfor Owen

1.2 Name of your Council

Gwynedd Council

1.3 Your address and contact telephone number

Gwyndeb, Penrhyndeudraeth. Gwynedd. LL48 6NP

2. DETAILS OF YOUR INTEREST

2.1 Beth yw'r eitem dan sylw?

Grwp Tasg a Gorffen Cynllun Awtistiaeth

2.1 How does your interest in the item arise?

I have a son with Autism who is supported by the Council

3. DETAILS OF YOUR APPLICATION

3.1 Are you asking for a dispensation to speak and vote or to speak only?

Preferably to speak and vote, but I would accept the right to speak only if that would have been the way forward

3.2 Are you:

(a) request a dispensation for a particular meeting? If so please specify which:

or

(b) require a general dispensation to participate whenever the issue arises?

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Universal dispensation.

4. The relevant Regulations set out the circumstances in which the Standards Committee may grant a dispensation and are summarised below (full details of which can be found in the notes to this form). Please indicate which of those circumstance(s) apply to your application by ticking the relevant box(s):	
1. at least half of the members considering the issue have an interest	<input type="checkbox"/>
1. The fact that I am unable to participate would disrupt the political balance of the meeting to such an extent that the outcome was likely to be affected	<input type="checkbox"/>
1. my participation would not damage public confidence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1. the interest is common to me and to a significant proportion of the public	<input type="checkbox"/>
1. I am justified in participating because of my specific role or expertise	X Error! Bookmark not defined.
1. The business is to be considered by a scrutiny committee and I have no financial interest	X Error! Bookmark not defined.
1. The business pertains to the money or property of a voluntary body of which I am a member of its committee or board of management and have no other interest	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. State below why you think the Standards Committee should grant your application (i.e. why do you think you should be allowed to attend the meeting as a member, even though you have a prejudicial interest?)

As a Father of a person with Autism I have gained experience and expertise in the Subject, and therefore believe that I have an extensive contribution TO make about the subject. Without having people and understanding of any subject there is no point in anyone discussing it.

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Signed _____ Gwynfor Owen _____
Date _____ 20/11/23 _____

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1. Hon yw'r ffurflen ar gyfer cyflwyno cais am oddefeb, sef caniatâd i gymryd rhan mewn trafodaeth er bod gennych *'fuddiant sy'n rhagfarnu'* o dan y Cod Ymddygiad. Gellir cael gwybodaeth bellach am fuddiannau yn y Cod Ymddygiad ei hun, Canllawiau'r Ombwdsmon ac yn llyfryn 'Buddiannau' Cyngor Gwynedd.

2. Yr amgylchiadau lle gellir caniatáu gollyngiadau

Mae gan y Pwyllgor Safonau'r hawl i ganiatáu cais os yw'n dod o fewn un o'r amgylchiadau a restrir yn *Rheoliadau Pwyllgorau Safonau (Caniatáu Gollyngiadau) (Cymru) 2001*, sef:

“(a) os oes gan ddim llai na hanner aelodau'r awdurdod perthnasol neu hanner aelodau un o bwyllgorau'r awdurdod (yn ôl fel y digwydd) y mae'r busnes i gael ei ystyried ganddo fuddiant sy'n berthnasol i'r busnes hwnnw;

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(c) yn achos cyngor sir neu gyngor bwrdeistref sirol, os byddai anallu aelod i gymryd rhan yn tarfu ar gydbwysedd gwleidyddol yr awdurdod perthnasol neu'r pwyllgor o'r awdurdod y mae'r busnes i'w ystyried ganddo i'r fath raddau nes y byddai'r canlyniad yn debygol o gael ei effeithio;

(ch) os yw natur buddiant yr aelod yn gyfryw fel na fyddai cyfranogiad yr aelod yn y busnes y mae'r buddiant yn berthnasol iddo yn niweidio hyder y cyhoedd yn y modd y mae busnes yr awdurdod perthnasol yn cael ei gynnal;

(d) os yw'r buddiant yn gyffredin i'r aelod ac i gyfran arwyddocaol o'r cyhoedd;

(dd) os oes cyfiawnhad i'r aelod gymryd rhan yn y busnes y mae'r buddiant yn berthnasol iddo oherwydd rôl neu arbenigedd penodol yr aelod;

(e) os yw'r busnes y mae'r buddiant yn berthnasol iddo i'w ystyried gan bwyllgor trosolygu a chraffu i'r awdurdod perthnasol ac nad yw buddiant yr aelod yn fuddiant ariannol;

(f) os yw'r busnes sydd i'w ystyried yn berthnasol i arian neu eiddo corff gwirfoddol y mae'r aelod yn aelod o'i bwyllgor neu ei fwrdd rheoli heblaw fel cynrychiolydd yr awdurdod perthnasol ac nad oes gan yr aelod unrhyw fuddiant arall yn y busnes hwnnw ar yr amod na fydd unrhyw ollyngiad yn ymestyn i gymryd rhan mewn unrhyw bleidlais mewn perthynas â'r busnes hwnnw; neu

(ff) os yw'n ymddangos i'r pwyllgor ei bod o les i drigolion ardal yr awdurdod perthnasol i'r anallu gael ei godi, ar yr amod bod hysbysiad ysgrifenedig bod y gollyngiad yn cael ei ganiatáu yn cael ei roi i Gynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru o fewn saith diwrnod a hynny mewn unrhyw fodd y gall ei bennu.”

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Appendix 2

TASK AND FINISH GROUP AUTISM PLAN BRIEF

What matter is being considered?

An update on the Gwynedd Autism Plan was presented to a meeting of the Care Scrutiny Committee on 20 April 2023. An update was submitted on the ongoing work, including an update on staffing, awareness raising steps, training and working in partnerships. In addition, the Cabinet Members responsible for Children and Adults Services submitted the priorities for the coming six months.

There were responses provided to several issues raised during the committee meeting, but some additional issues arose about the individual's experience when awaiting a diagnosis, frustration in the community regarding diagnosis waiting lists and a lack of clear understanding of the support available in schools following receiving a diagnosis.

The committee decided that they were keen to establish a task and finish group to discuss the matter further and requested that representatives from the Department of Education and the Health Board should be present to answer their concerns. It was also decided to extend an invitation to representatives of the Education and Economy Scrutiny Committee as the work bridges the work areas of both committees.

The purpose of the work is to ensure an understanding of the implementation of the Gwynedd Autism Plan as a whole, including:

- an understanding of the support available to individuals and their families when awaiting a diagnosis, and whether there are any barriers on the road to a diagnosis and
- following diagnosis, in particular the support available for children within our schools, and whether there are any barriers.

Actions

- Care Scrutiny Committee to receive the brief and identify three Members to participate. (21/09/2023)
- Invite representatives from the Education and Economy Scrutiny Committee (two members) to participate. We will correspond with members of the Education and Economy Scrutiny Committee by email following the Care Scrutiny Committee's decision on 21/09, formally confirming membership at the Education and Economy Scrutiny Committee meeting on 09/11/2023.

- Hold a meeting for the five members with representatives from the Children, Adults and Education Departments, and a representative from the Health Board. (Exact date to be confirmed following a discussion with key partners - anticipated end of 2023/beginning of 2024).
- Report back to the Care Scrutiny Committee - 1 February 2024 (depending on the date of the above meeting).

Key officers

A meeting will take place with the five members identified to take part in the task and finish group and the following key officers:

DEPARTMENT	KEY OFFICER
Children	Aled Gibbard, Senior Operational Manager
Adults	Helen Fôn Owen, Senior Learning Disabilities Manager
Education	Delyth Gibbard, Senior Communication and Interaction Teacher Dr Einir Peters, Senior Communication and Networking Educational Psychologist
Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board	To be confirmed.