

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE - MONDAY, 14 JULY 2025**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE HELD REMOTELY - VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON MONDAY, 14 JULY 2025 AT 14:00**

Present

Councillor S Maughan – Chairperson

MJ Williams

G Walter

P Baker

R Lynch

Apologies for Absence

None

Officers:

Oscar Roberts  
Mark Galvin  
Kelly Watson

Business Administrative Apprentice - Democratic Services  
Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees  
Chief Officer - Legal & Regulatory Services, HR & Corporate Policy

Invitees

Cllr Ian Spiller

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Martin Williams – Personal interest as Cllr Spiller is member of his political group.

**184. Request For Dispensation**

Decision Made	<p>The report was presented by the Monitoring Officer, the purpose of which was to present to the Standards Committee with an application received for special dispensation to speak at the next meeting of Laleston Community Council.</p> <p>The Monitoring officer advised the committee that they may briefly receive representations from the applicant or they may be content to refer to the papers presented to members. She added that should the committee choose to receive representations; they were required to be factual in relation to the reasons provided.</p> <p>The Monitoring Officer informed the committee that, on the day the Standards Committee Meeting was convened to hear the application for dispensation, she received contact from an individual who would have objected to the application had there been a process to receive such objections. The objector had been advised that the committee did not have a process to receive objections in the regulations and would therefore make their decision based on the information they have before them.</p> <p>The Chairperson invited the applicant to make his presentation advising him of the necessary guidelines. The applicant stated that the purpose for seeking dispensation was so he could speak on matters arising within discussions at the Laleston Community Council. He specifically made reference to two points :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An update he had circulated to the Council following a school governing body meeting, where he had received confirmation that the governing body were happy to proceed.</li><li>• A discussion regarding an organisation that was not classed as a charity and therefore did not meet the Council's criteria for receiving donations.</li></ul> <p>The applicant stated that these points needed to be clarified within the minutes of the Community Council Meeting and he was seeking dispensation to allow him to provide information on both these points.</p> <p>The Chairperson stated that it was not often that dispensations were received by the Standards Committee and suggested that a separate session be arranged to award members an opportunity to discuss the points raised by the applicant and the subsequent request made. She suggested that they could thereafter inform the applicant of their decision.</p> <p>The Chairperson then briefly adjourned the meeting, in order that the Committee could make a decision upon the application. Upon reconvening, it was</p>
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	<b>RESOLVED :</b> The Committee made a unanimous decision to award the dispensation against both elements mentioned in the application as clarified by the applicant. They stated that the dispensation was only valid specifically for the meeting on the 17th of July and also it did not compel Laleston Council to allow the applicant to speak on the points mentioned. The chairperson stated that it was up to the protocols and the procedures of the local council as to how they enact that decision.
Date Decision Made	14/07/25

**185. Urgent Items**

Decision Made	None
Date Decision Made	14/07/25

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The meeting closed at 14:20