

**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION TO THE  
STANDARDS COMMITTEE  
BY MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL**

<b>Name of Councillor</b>	Tim Newhouse
<b>Address</b>	6 The Courtyard Hawarden CH5 3DS
<b>Electoral Division</b>	Hope
<b>Nature of Dispensation sought</b>	To be allowed to speak at Audit Committee meetings in respect of reports relating to E Teach, but not to vote on them.
<b>Level of Dispensation sought (i.e. to speak only or to speak and vote)</b>	To speak only
<b>Relevant Paragraph under which Dispensation is requested (see over)</b>	(d), (e) and (f)
<b>Details of the Prejudicial Interest</b>	<p>My wife Angela Newhouse is a supply teacher, registered with E Teach, Capita, New Directions, Randstad and direct with schools.</p> <p>Pages 308 to 314 of January's Audit Committee meeting related to E Teach.</p> <p>E Teach costs the Council £44k per annum.</p> <p>Internal Audit is investigating if there are cheaper and better value-for-money alternatives to E Teach.</p> <p>Audit Committee postponed hearing the January report until March.</p> <p>I am keen to see a reduction in the £44k annual spend and would like to be able to speak at March's Audit Committee meeting on the pros and cons of E Teach, agencies and direct employment.</p> <p>I do not wish to vote.</p>
<b>Details of any Position of responsibility/control held on Council (eg Chairman/Vice-Chair)</b>	Audit Committee Chairman

<b>Signed:</b> <i>T Newhouse</i>	<b>Date:</b> 12/2/16
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## **Circumstances When A Standards Committee May Grant Dispensation**

The Standards Committee (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001 specifies that the Council's Standards Committee may grant dispensations under Section 81(4) of the Local Government Act 2000 where:

- (a) no fewer than half of the Members of the Council or of a Committee of the Council (as the case may be) by which the business is to be considered has an interest which related to that business;
- (b) no fewer than half of the Members of the Executive of the Council (i.e. Leader and Cabinet) 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) Members' inability to participate would upset the political balance of the Council, or any of its committees 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 Council'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 registerable interest relates to business, which is to be considered by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the Council, and the Member's interest is not a pecuniary/financial interest;
- (h) the business relates to the finances of property of a voluntary organisation of whose management committee or board the Member is a member otherwise than as a representative of the Council 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 Standard Committee to be in the interest of the inhabitants of the area of the Council 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 7 days. Such a notification should specify the Member to whom the dispensation would apply and the Standards Committee's reasons why the disability should be removed.