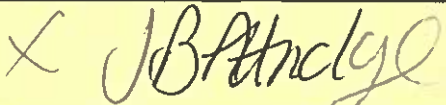


**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

Name of Councillor	BERNIE ATTRIDGE
Address	95 FROD RD CONNAN'S QUAY
Electoral Division	CONNAN'S QUAY CENTRAL
Nature of Dispensation sought	SEE ATTACHED
Level of Dispensation sought (i.e. to speak only or to speak and vote)	TO SPEAK AND ANSWER QUESTIONS BUT TO LEAVE BEFORE ANY DEBATE / VOTE
Relevant Paragraph under which Dispensation is requested (See overleaf)	D + F
Details of the Prejudicial Interest	SEE ATTACHED
Details of any Position of responsibility/control held on Council (e.g. Chairman/Vice-Chairman/Cabinet Member)	Deputy Leader

Signed: 	Date: 29.9.15
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### **Circumstances When A Standards Committee May Grant Dispensations**

The Standards Committees (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 relates 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 or 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 Standards Committee to be in the interests 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.

**Application for Dispensation**  
**By Councillor Bernie Attridge**  
**Standards Committee**  
**5<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

The Council set up North East Wales Homes Ltd (NEW Homes) as a private company to provide affordable housing that supplements its social housing stock. The company is wholly owned by the council and the majority of its board members are councillor (appointed by the council).

In order to achieve transparency and accountability the company reports to the Cabinet and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee at regular intervals. It must also seek the Cabinet's express prior approval to certain important transactions so that Cabinet can ensure that any potential risks to council's interests have been appropriately considered and managed.

As the chair of the board it is appropriate that I should present these reports to Cabinet/OSC and also that I should answer questions about the direction of the company. I should therefore like a dispensation to enable me to present an item and to answer any questions. I would leave before any debate or vote on the report takes place.

The company will need to report 3 or 4 times a year for the foreseeable future. I would therefore seek a dispensation for the maximum 4 years so that I do not need to make repeated applications to the committee.

My only involvement with the company is as a council appointed director and neither I nor anyone else owns shares or has a personal stake in the company, so my interest arises purely as a result of my public service.

