

**NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
CYNGOR BWRDEISTREF SIROL CASTELL-NEDD PORT TALBOT**

**COUNCIL 14<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2015**

**REPORT OF THE HEAD OF CORPORATE STRATEGY AND  
DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

**SECTION A – MATTER FOR DECISION**

**WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL**

**1. SECTION 85(1) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

- 1.1. I have received a request from Councillor C.M.Crowley to approve his leave of absence from Council business under the provisions of the above Act, due to illness.

Section 85(1) states: “..If a member of a local authority fails throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of his last attendance to attend any meeting of the authority he shall, unless the failure was due to some reason approved by the authority before the expiry of that period, cease to be a member of the authority.”

Councillor Crowley last attended a meeting of the Council on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.

**1.2. Recommendation**

It is recommended that, in view of the absence at the present time of Councillor Crowley from Council business, due to illness, Council approves his absence until further notice pursuant to Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

**1.3. List of Background Papers**

Notification from Councillor Crowley

**1.4 Officer Contact:**

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## **MEMBERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS**

The following changes to Memberships have been requested:-

### **Schools Standards Partnership Group**

Replace Councillor Mrs.D.Jones with Councillor H.N.James

### **Schools Admissions Forum**

Replace Councillor Mrs.D.Jones with Councillor H.N.James

### **Recommendation:**

That Council approves the above changes.

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## **OUTSIDE BODY ARRANGEMENTS**

### **Swansea Bay Regional Equality Council**

Further to the decision taken at the Special Meeting of Council held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015, to withdraw from the Swansea Bay Regional Equality Council in May 2016, following further discussions it is felt more appropriate to withdraw this Authority's membership with effect from their AGM which was 11<sup>th</sup> August 2015.

### **Recommendation:**

That the Authority be no longer represented on the Swansea Bay Regional Equality Council by Councillors E.E.Jones and A.N.Woolcock and Mrs Karen Jones.

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## **Abertawe Bro Morgannwg Community Health Council**

It is proposed to review the Authority's membership on the above as follows:-

Replace Councillor R.James with Councillor E.E.Jones

Replace Councillor M.Crowley with Councillor A. Carter

### **Recommendation:**

That Council approves the above changes.

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