

# **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **Council**

21 February, 2018

## **Report of the Head of Corporate Strategy and Democratic Services**

### **Matter for Decision**

**Wards Affected:** Gwynfi

## **Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972**

### **Purpose of the Report**

1. The Head of Corporate Strategy and Democratic Services has received a request from Councillor Ralph Thomas to approve his leave of absence from Council business under the provisions of the above Act, due to illness.
2. 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."
3. Councillor Thomas last attended a meeting of the Council on 10th January 2018

### **Financial Impact**

4. There are no financial impacts associated with this report.

## **Equality Impact Assessment**

5. There are no equality impacts associated with this report.

## **Workforce Impacts**

6. There are no workforce impacts associated with this report.

## **Legal Powers**

7. Section 85(1) Local Government Act 1972

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1972/70/contents>

## **Risk Management**

8. There are no significant risk management issues associated with this report.

## **Consultation**

9. There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

## **Recommendation**

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

## **Reason for Proposed Decision**

11. To comply with the Authority's Constitution.

## **Implementation of Decision**

12. The decision is for immediate implementation.

## **List of Background Papers**

13. The Constitution - Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council

<https://www.npt.gov.uk/pdf/constitution.pdf>

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