

# **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **Council**

22 December 2021

## **Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services**

Mr Craig Griffiths

### **Matter for Decision**

**Wards Affected:** Cwmllynfell

### **Dispensation for Absence**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. The Head of Legal and Democratic Services has received a request from Councillor Hugh Jones to approve a leave of absence from Council business under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972, 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 Hugh Jones last attended a meeting of the Council on 30th July 2021.

#### **Financial Impact**

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

### **Integrated Impact Assessment**

5. There is no requirement for an Integrated Impact Assessment as this is a report in respect of constitutional arrangements only.

### **Valleys Communities Assessment**

6. There will be an impact on member representation in the Cwmllynfell ward, which will be considered by Cllr Hugh Jones' political group.

### **Workforce Impacts**

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

### **Legal Powers**

8. Section 85(1) Local Government Act 1972

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

### **Risk Management**

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

### **Consultation**

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

### **Recommendation**

11. It is recommended that, in view of the absence at the present time of Cllr Hugh Jones 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**

12. To comply with the Authority's Constitution.

## **Implementation of Decision**

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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