



FULL COUNCIL REPORT

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Service Area	Legal and Democratic
Exempt/Non Exempt	Non Exempt
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To: Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen

DISPENSATION FOR EXTENDED ABSENCE – COUNCILLOR PAUL BROWN

1.0 SUMMARY OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 provides that “if a member of a local authority fails to attend a meeting of the authority for a period of six consecutive months without approval from Council, he will cease to be a member of the authority”.
- 1.2 Councillor Paul Brown is suffering with ill health and is about to undergo a period of treatment that will render him unable to attend meetings for a period of time.
- 1.3 It is therefore requested that dispensation for extended absence for a period of six months be granted to Councillor Brown.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS that

- 2.1 Councillor Paul Brown be granted dispensation for extended absence from all meetings in his role as Councillor for Cyfarthfa Electoral Division up to and including 30th May 2018.

3.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Councillor Paul Brown has been suffering from ill health for some time and has confirmed on 22nd December 2017 that he is about to undergo a period of treatment that will render him unable to attend meetings and conduct business. It is likely that he will be unavailable for approximately six months.

3.2 Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 provides that if a Councillor fails to attend meetings for a period of six consecutive months then he will cease to be a Councillor. There is provision for Council to grant dispensation for an extended absence where the circumstances demand it. Council is therefore asked to grant dispensation for this period of absence whilst Councillor Brown receives treatment.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

4.1 There are no financial implications associated with this action.

5.0 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

5.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) form has been prepared for the purpose of this report. It has been found that a full assessment is not required at this time. The form can be accessed on the Council's website/intranet via the 'Equality Impact Assessment' link.

GARETH CHAPMAN
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

COUNCILLOR ANDREW BARRY
CABINET MEMBER FOR GOVERNANCE
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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Title of Document(s)	Document(s) Date	Document Location
Local Government Act	1972	Legal and Democratic Services
Does the report contain any issue that may impact the Council's Constitution?		No

Consultation has been undertaken with the Corporate Management Team in respect of each proposal(s) and recommendation(s) set out in this report.