

MEETING	THE COUNCIL
DATE	9th July 2015
SUBJECT	NON-ATTENDANCE OF A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL
PURPOSE OF THE REPORT	REQUEST TO APPROVE THE NON-ATTENDANCE OF A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL
AUTHOR	GERAINT OWEN, HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

## **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 states that if a member of a local authority fails to attend any meeting of the authority for a period of six consecutive months from the date of their last attendance, they shall cease to be a member of the authority.
- 1.2 The only exception to this is if their non-attendance has been approved by the authority.

## **2. THE ISSUE FOR GWYNEDD COUNCIL**

- 2.1 Councillor Linda Morgan is currently receiving treatment and this is likely to affect the Councillor's ability to attend any formal meetings of the authority, although how long that is likely to be a problem is not clear at this stage.
- 2.2 The Full Council is required to approve Councillor Linda Morgan's absence from meetings of the authority to enable him to continue to be a member.
- 2.3 If approval for non-attendance is not given, then Councillor Linda Morgan would cease to be a member of the Council after a period of six months following her last attendance at a Council meeting.
- 2.4 It is suggested, under these circumstances, that Councillor Linda Morgan's non-attendance be approved.

## **3. RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 That the Full Council approves Councillor Linda Morgan's non-attendance at meetings due to personal circumstances, in accordance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, allowing her to continue to be a member of Gwynedd Council.