

MEETING	THE COUNCIL
DATE	6 MARCH 2014
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 GEORGE, 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** The hospital treatment to of his daughter, and more recently his father's Terminal illness, has affected many aspects of Councillor Nigel Pickavance's life, including is ability to attend any formal meetings of the authority.
- 2.2** The Full Council is required to approve Councillor Nigel Pickavance'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 Nigel Pickavance would cease to be a member of the Council.
- 2.4** It is suggested, under these circumstances, that Councillor Nigel Pickavance's non-attendance be approved due to the serious personal circumstances that he has faced during recent months.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1** That the Full Council approves Councillor Nigel Pickavance's non-attendance at meetings due to the serious personal circumstances that he has faced during recent months, in accordance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, allowing him to continue to be a member of Gwynedd Council.