

GWYNEDD COUNCIL



Report to a meeting of Gwynedd Council

Date of Meeting: 1st October, 2020
Title of Item: NON-ATTENDANCE OF A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL
Contact Officer: GERAINT OWEN, HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

1. DECISION SOUGHT

That the Full Council approves Councillor Charles W Jones' non-attendance at meetings for a period of 6 months from the date of this meeting due to personal circumstances, in accordance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, allowing him to continue to be a member of Gwynedd Council.

2. BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION

BACKGROUND

- 2.1** 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. The regulations with regards to absence have been adapted due to the current covid-19 situation, and this report has taken the adaptations into consideration.
- 2.2** The only exception to this is if their non-attendance has been approved by the authority.

CURRENT SITUATION OF A GWYNEDD COUNCILLOR

- 2.3** Councillor Charles W Jones is currently unwell and this is likely to affect the Councillor's ability to attend any formal meetings of the authority.
- 2.4** The Full Council is required to approve Councillor Charles W Jones' absence from meetings of the authority to enable him to continue to be a member as per his request.
- 2.5** If approval for non-attendance is not given, then Councillor Charles W Jones would cease to be a member of the Council after a period of six months following his last attendance at a Council meeting. Note that the period has been adjusted in accordance with the adaptations to the regulations covid-19.

2.6 It is suggested, under these circumstances, that Councillor Charles W Jones' non-attendance be approved.

3. ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

3.1 STATUTORY OFFICERS

Monitoring Officer:

I have assisted with the preparation of this report. Nothing to add in terms of propriety

Statutory Finance Officer:

Nothing to add from a financial propriety perspective