

# CYNGOR GWYNEDD



## Report to a meeting of Cyngor Gwynedd

**Date of Meeting:** 6th July, 2023  
**Title of Item:** Non-attendance of a Member of Cyngor Gwynedd  
**Contact Officer:** Ian Jones, Head of Democracy Services

### 1. DECISION SOUGHT

That the Full Council approves Councillor Eirwyn Williams' 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 Cyngor Gwynedd.

### 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.
- 2.2 The only exception to this is if their non-attendance has been approved by the authority.

#### CURRENT SITUATION OF A CYNGOR GWYNEDD COUNCILLOR

- 2.3 Councillor Eirwyn Williams 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 Eirwyn Williams' 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 Eirwyn Williams would cease to be a member of the Council after a period of six months following his last attendance at a Council meeting.
- 2.6 It is suggested, under these circumstances, that Councillor Eirwyn Williams' 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.