

Report of the Head of Democratic Services

Council - 26 November 2015

DISPENSATION FOR COUNCILLOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE – COUNCILLOR B G OWEN

Purpose:	To seek dispensation in accordance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972.
Policy Framework:	None.
Reason for Decision:	To comply with the Local Government Act 1972.
Consultation:	Legal and Finance.
Recommendation:	It is recommended that: 1) Councillor B G Owen be granted dispensation not to attend meetings for the period up to 31 May 2016 in accordance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972.
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 Councillor B G Owen has notified the Authority that due to illness he may be absent from Council meetings for some time. This could result in him being in breach of Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 whereby failure to attend meetings of the Authority for a period of 6 consecutive months would mean that he would cease to be a member of the Authority.
- 1.2 In accordance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, Council Councillor B G Owen has requested that he be granted dispensation not to attend meetings for the period up to 31 May 2016.
- 1.3 Section 85 of the Act allows an Authority to approve his absence thus dis-applying the provision. However, the approval must be granted before the expiry of the six month period. Councillor B G Owen last attended a meeting on 3 June 2015. The last meeting attended being the Business and Administration Cabinet Advisory Committee. Therefore, Council has to approve the reason for his absence before the 2 December 2015.

1.4 In accordance with Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, Council Councillor B G Owen has therefore requested that Council approve the reason for his absence and note that he may not attend meetings for the period up to 31 May 2016.

2. Electoral Division Duties

2.1 Councillor B G Owen' Electoral Division duties will be undertaken by his Mynyddbach Electoral Division colleagues.

3. Financial Implications

3.1 None.

4. Legal Implications

4.1 None other than mentioned in the report.

Background papers: None

Appendices: None.