



Council – 8 July 2021

Dispensation for Councillor Leave of Absence – Community Councillor Margaret Boyter (Urgent Report)

Urgent Item: Pursuant to paragraph 100B (4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chair of Council considers this an urgent matter for the reasons outlined below.

Reason for Urgency: Councillor Margaret Boyter has asked for dispensation for Councillor Leave under Section 85 of the Local Government Act. Councillor Boyter has until 10 August 2021 to attend a meeting; however, there is no other Council prior to 10 August 2021. This meeting is Councillor Boyter's last opportunity for the dispensation request to be considered.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Councillor Margaret Boyter has notified the Clerk to the Council that due to her caring responsibilities she may be absent from Council meetings for some time. This could result in her being in breach of the Local Government Act 1972 whereby failure to attend meetings of the Authority for a period of 6 consecutive months could result in her ceasing to be a member of the Council.
- 1.2 In accordance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, Councillor Margaret Boyter has requested dispensation not to attend meetings for the period up to and including 10 December 2021.
- 1.3 Section 85 of the Act allows the Community Council to approve absence thus dis-applying the provision. However, the approval must be granted before the expiry of the six-month period. Councillor Margaret Boyter last attended a Community Council meeting on 11 February 2021. The Community Council must approve the reason for absence before 10 August 2021.

2. Recommendation. It is recommended that:

- 2.1 Councillor Margaret Boyter be granted dispensation not to attend meetings for the period up to and including 10 December 2021 in accordance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Background Papers: None

Appendices: None

**Huw Evans
Clerk to Llangyfelach Community Council**