

## **Council – 12th September 2011**

### **Local Government Act, 1972 – Attendance at meetings**

#### **1. Summary of report**

To advise the Council of the position relating to attendance at meetings by Councillor Tweddle.

#### **2. Recommendations**

That Council consider the circumstances relating to the absence of Councillor Tweddle and agree an appropriate course of action.

#### **3. Background information**

- 3.1 At the meeting of Council held on 18th April 2011, approval was granted for Councillor Tweddle to be given an extension of absence until 30th September 2011 as a consequence of his ill health.
- 3.2 Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act, 1972, expressly provides that where a Council member fails throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of his/her last attendance to attend any meeting of the authority, then subject to certain exemptions, that member ceases to be a member of the authority unless the failure was due to some reason approved before the expiry of that period.
- 3.3 The Council does have the discretion to set the period of time for an extension of absence until the term of office of the Councillor has ended. The term of office of Councillor Tweddle ceases in May 2012.

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