

Council – 18th April 2011

Local Government Act, 1972 – Attendance at meetings

1. Summary of report

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

2. Recommendations

That approval be granted for an extension of absence until 30th September 2011 to Councillor Tweddle as a consequence of his ill health.

3. Background information

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 The Council has 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.
- 3.3 Councillor Tweddle last attended a meeting of the authority on 22nd November 2010 and will therefore cease to be a member of this authority on 22nd May 2011, unless Council grant approval for an extension of this period of absence as provided for under Section 85(i) of the Local Government Act, 1972.

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