

Council – 19th April 2010

Local Government Act, 1972 – Attendance at meetings

1. Summary of report

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

2. Recommendations

That approval be granted to allow an extension of absence from 29th April 2010 to 12th July 2010 to Councillor Eileen Pitt as a consequence of her ill health, such date to be reviewed at the first ordinary Council meeting in the new municipal year.

3. Background information

- 3.1 Councillor Eileen Pitt has informed the Chief Executive that ill health will prevent her from attending meetings until after the period she is deemed to cease to be a member of the Council.
- 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. Councillor Eileen Pitt last attended a meeting of the authority on 29th October 2009 and will therefore cease to be a member of this authority on 29th April 2010, 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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Signed:

Chief Executive:

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