

Report of the Assistant City Solicitor to the meeting of Council to be held on 9 December 2014.

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Subject: Attendance at council meetings

Summary statement:

Council is asked to decide whether to approve the reason for the non-attendance at Council meetings for a period of 6 months by a councillor, under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972

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1. SUMMARY

Council is asked to decide whether to approve the reason for the non-attendance at Council meetings for a period of 6 months by a councillor, under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972.

2. BACKGROUND

Under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 if a member of a local authority fails throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of his last attendance to attend any meeting of the authority, he shall, unless the failure was due to some reason approved by the authority before the expiry of that period, cease to be a member of the authority.

Councillor Glen Miller, due to the personal circumstances briefly summarised below, has not attended a meeting of the authority since 15 July 2014 and will not be attending another meeting of the authority until 20 January 2015. He will therefore not have attended any meeting of the authority for a period of six consecutive months. Unless Council approves the reason for his absence he will cease to be a councillor before the meeting on 20 January 2015.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The reason for Councillor Miller's non-attendance at meetings is his recent bereavement.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

None

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

None

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

As above.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None

9. OPTIONS

Council can either approve the reason for non attendance or not.



10. RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council consider whether to approve the reason for Councillor Miller's non-attendance at meetings of the authority between the period of 15 July 2014 and 20 January 2015.

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None

