

Local Government Act 1972, Section 85

Approval of reason for non-attendance at meetings

1. Councillor Andrew Wiles

Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 states that a member of a local authority who fails throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of his or her last attendance to attend any meeting of the authority automatically ceases to be a member of the authority, unless the failure to attend was due to some reason approved by the authority before the expiry of the six-month period.

Councillor Wiles last attended a meeting on 19 October 2023. He has been unwell for several months and is not expected to be well enough to attend meetings before a period of six months has elapsed. At the request of the Conservative Group, the Council's permission is sought to approve the reason for Councillor Wiles's continued absence from meetings.

2. Recommendation:

That, in accordance with section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council approve Councillor Andrew Wiles's non-attendance at meetings due to reasons of ill-health.