

Approval for Extended Absence

1. Councillor Joe Pike

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 Joe Pike last attended a meeting on 12 May. He has been ill for several months, has suffered a fall and consequently 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 Councillor Pike's continued absence from meetings and to review the position if necessary at its meeting on 9 February 2016.

Recommended:

That, in accordance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council approve Councillor Joe Pike's continued absence from meetings for reasons of ill-health, with the situation to be reviewed if necessary at the Council meeting on 9 February 2016.