

Approval for Extended Absence

1. Councillor Roy Pearson

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 reason for the failure to attend was due to some reason approved by the authority before the expiry of that period.

Councillor Roy Pearson has been ill for several months and is not expected to be well enough to attend meetings for some time, and definitely not before a period of six months has elapsed. At the request of the Conservative Group, the Council's permission is sought to approve Councillor Pearson's continued absence from meetings and to review the position if necessary at its meeting on 5 February 2013.

Recommended:

That, in accordance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council approve Councillor Roy Pearson's continued absence from meetings for reasons of ill-health, with the situation to be reviewed if necessary at the Council meeting on 5 February 2013.