

# 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 7 January 2016. 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 Councillor Pike's continued absence from meetings.

### **Recommended:**

That, in accordance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council approve Councillor Joe Pike's continued absence from meetings due to reasons of ill-health.