

## **AGENDA 7, Enc ii) Leave of Absence (section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972)**

### **Legal position**

Section 85 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972 requires a member of a Local Authority to attend at least one meeting of that Authority within a six-month consecutive period.

"If a member of a local authority fails throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of *their* last attendance to attend any meeting of the authority, *they* 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."

### **Report**

The last meeting attended by Cllr Bob Walkinshaw was 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023. The Council can only consider approval of any reasons for non-attendance before the end of the relevant six-month period, which would be 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

Cllr Bob Walkinshaw has written to request a leave of absence due to ill health. In receiving this request for a leave of absence, the Council is asked to consider approval of the reason for absence from the date of the meeting at which it has been received.

### **Proposed Motion**

To agree that, in accordance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, Cllr Bob Walkinshaw's non-attendance at meetings of the Council be approved for a period of 6-months on grounds of ill-health and recovery.