

AGENDA 10, Enc iv) 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

Cllr Vicki Brown 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 approve a period of absence for Cllr Vicki Brown on the grounds of ill-health and recovery, in accordance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972.