



OFFICER REPORT TO COUNCIL

ADDENDUM TO UPDATES TO THE CONSTITUTION - APPROVAL OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR ABSENCE

KEY ISSUE/DECISION:

In addition to the Constitutional amendments set out in the main report (item 14) the purpose of this addendum is to request that the County Council considers whether to agree that County Councillor Jan Mason may continue to be absent from Council meetings by reason of ill health.

BACKGROUND:

Under section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, a Member ceases to hold that office if he/she has not attended a meeting for a period of six consecutive months, unless the failure to attend is due to a reason approved by the authority during that six months. The last meeting that Jan Mason attended was a meeting of the Communities, Environment and Highways Select Committee in March 2022 and she has unfortunately not been able to attend any formal meetings since then while she recovers from an operation in relation to a serious health condition.

For that reason, the County Council is requested to agree that she continue to be absent from meetings while maintaining membership of the Council during her period of ill health. This decision will be reviewed at the County Council meeting in December 2022.

UPDATED RECOMMENDATIONS:

From the main report:

- A. That the executive function changes to the Officer Scheme of Delegation in relation to home to school transport reviews approved by the Leader in June 2022 be noted (as set out in Annex 1).
- B. That the amendments to the Terms of Reference for the Appeals and Representation Panel be noted (as set out in paragraph 6).

And in addition:

C. That Jan Mason may continue to be absent from meetings until December 2022 by reason of ill health. The Council looks forward to welcoming her back in due course.

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Sources/background papers:

None