



OFFICER REPORT TO COUNCIL

APPROVAL OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR ABSENCE

KEY ISSUE/DECISION:

The purpose of this report is to request that the County Council considers whether to agree that County Councillor John Furey 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 John Furey attended was a meeting of the Communities, Environment and Highways Select Committee in December 2022. He has continued to be unable to attend any formal meetings since then due to ongoing ill health.

For that reason, the County Council is requested to agree that he may continue to be absent from meetings while maintaining membership of the Council during his period of ill health. This decision will be reviewed at the County Council meeting in March 2024.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That John Furey may continue to be absent from meetings until March 2024 by reason of ill health. The Council looks forward to welcoming him back in due course.

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Sources/background papers:

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