



OFFICER REPORT TO COUNCIL

APPROVAL OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR ABSENCES

KEY ISSUE/DECISION:

The purpose of this report is to request that the County Council considers whether to agree that County Councillor Nick Darby and County Councillor Fiona White 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 Nick Darby and Fiona White attended was the meeting of the County Council in July 2023. Neither Member has been able to attend any formal meetings since then due to ill health.

For that reason, the County Council is requested to agree that they may continue to be absent from meetings while maintaining membership of the Council during their period of ill health.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That Nick Darby and Fiona White may continue to be absent from meetings until 31 March 2024 by reason of ill health. The Council looks forward to welcoming them back in due course.

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Sources/background papers:

None

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