



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 Alison Todd 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 Alison Todd attended was a meeting of the County Council in October 2021 and she has unfortunately not been able to attend any formal meetings since then while she receives treatment for a serious health condition.

For that reason the County Council is requested to agree that she may 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.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That Alison Todd 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

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