



**Full Council**  
**20 May 2015**

**Report from the Chief Operating Officer**

Wards Affected:  
ALL

**Member's Absence from Council Meetings**

**1.0 Summary**

- 1.1 The Local Government Act 1972 expressly provides that where a council member fails to attend any meeting of the council for 6 consecutive months from the date of their last attendance, subject to certain exceptions, they cease to be a member of the authority unless failure was due to some reason approved by the Council before the expiry of that period.
- 1.2 Councillor Tayo Oladapo, Member for Kilburn, last attended a Council meeting (Scrutiny Committee) on 26 November 2014. His absence from meetings was reviewed and approved by Full Council at its meeting on 02 March 2015 on the basis of his ill-health.
- 1.3 It was agreed that Full Council would review Councillor Oladapo's absence in May 2015. His ill-health is presently ongoing.

**2.0 Recommendations**

Full Council is asked to agree:

- (i) that Councillor Oladapo's absence from meetings of the Council since 27 November 2014 be approved on the basis of his ongoing ill-health and that the position be reviewed, if required, at the Full Council meeting in September 2015;
- (iii) that the Council's wishes for a speedy return to good health be passed on to Councillor Oladapo.

#### **4. Legal implications**

##### **4.1 Section 85 Local Government Act 1972 provides**

*if a member of a local authority fails throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of his last attendance to attend any meeting of the authority, he 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.*

#### **Background Papers**

Local Government Act 1972  
Council minutes 13 June 2001

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