



Full Council
22 February 2016

Report from the Chief Executive

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 on the basis of his ill-health was reviewed and approved at subsequent meetings of Full Council, and most recently, in January 2016
- 1.3 At Full Council in November 2015, the Mayor reported that Councillor Oladapo had been discharged from hospital following successful surgery and was at home recuperating. Although Cllr Oladapo had been expected to attend Full Council on 18 January 2016 he was re-admitted to hospital and was unable to attend.
- 1.4 Councillor Oladapo is still not able to attend meetings due to his ill-health.

2.0 Recommendation

Full council is asked to agree:

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 Annual Council meeting in May 2016.

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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