

Report of City Solicitor
Report to Council
Date: 14 November 2012
Subject: Attendance at Meetings

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| Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Is the decision eligible for Call-In? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |

Summary of main issues

1. To ask Council to note the possible absence of Councillor Armitage from meetings of Full Council for up to six months from this meeting.

Recommendations

2. That Council note the possible absence of Councillor Armitage from meetings of Full Council for a period of six months from the date of this meeting.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To ask Council to note the possible absence of Councillor Armitage from meetings of Full Council for up to six months from this meeting.

2 Background information

- 2.2 Section 85 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972 makes provision in relation to member attendance at meetings. It provides that if a member fails to attend qualifying meetings for a period of 6 consecutive months from the date of their last attendance, they shall cease to be a member of the authority unless, before the expiry of that period, the authority has approved such non attendance.
- 2.3 Members may be aware that Councillor Armitage has had ongoing health issues and her last attendance at a meeting of the authority was Licensing Sub Committee on 22nd October 2012.

3 Main issues

- 3.1 The group whip for Councillor Armitage has requested that Council note her possible absence from meetings of Full Council for a period of six months from this meeting for health reasons.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.2 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.2.1 The relevant group whip has been consulted on this report.

4.3 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.3.2 No specific implications.

4.4 Council Policies and City Priorities

- 4.4.3 No specific implications.

4.5 Resources and Value for Money

- 4.5.4 No specific implications.

4.6 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

- 4.6.5 No specific implications.

4.7 Risk Management

- 4.7.6 No specific implications.

5 Recommendations

5.1 That Council note the possible absence of Councillor Armitage from meetings of Full Council for a period of six months from the date of this meeting.

6 Background documents

7.1 None

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.