



Report of the Chief Democratic Services Officer

Council

Date: 21st June 2006

Subject: Councillor R Procter – Attendance at Meetings

Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Ethnic minorities

Women

Disabled people

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

1.1 To seek authorisation of the Council to the absence of Councillor R Procter from meetings of the authority for up to six consecutive months.

2.0 Information

2.1 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

2.2 Members will be aware that Councillor R Procter is pregnant with a birth expected mid July. Her last attendance at a meeting of the authority was at the Annual meeting on 22nd May 2006.

3.0 Matter for Consideration

3.1 Councillor R Procter's party whip has requested that Council approve her absence from meetings of the authority for a period of 6 months for maternity reasons. Councillor R Procter's only committee membership is to the appropriate Area Committee.

4.0 Recommendations

4.1 That approval be given to the absence of Councillor R Procter from meetings of the authority for a period of six months from the Annual meeting.