

Report to:	Council	Date of Meeting:	16 November 2017
Subject:	Local Government Act 1972 – Section 85 - Attendance at Meetings		
Report of:	Head of Regulation and Compliance	Wards Affected:	(All Wards);
Portfolio:	Leader of the Council		
Is this a Key Decision:	No	Included in Forward Plan:	No
Exempt / Confidential Report:	No		

Summary:

This report requests authority to approve and authorise the absence of Councillor Kevin Cluskey from attendance at Council and Committee Meetings pursuant to Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Recommendation(s):

That the current absence from all Council and Committee Meetings of Councillor Kevin Cluskey due to ill health be authorised and approved for the period until the scheduled meeting of the Council to be held on 15 May 2018, pursuant to Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

To comply with the provisions of Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: (including any Risk Implications)

None.

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) **Revenue Costs** Not applicable

(B) **Capital Costs** Not applicable

Implications of the Proposals:

Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets): None
Legal Implications: To comply with the provisions of Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Equality Implications:

There are no equality implications.

Contribution to the Council's Core Purpose:

Protect the most vulnerable: Not applicable
Facilitate confident and resilient communities: Not applicable
Commission, broker and provide core services: Not applicable
Place – leadership and influencer: Not applicable
Drivers of change and reform: Not applicable
Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity: Not applicable
Greater income for social investment: Not applicable
Cleaner Greener: Not applicable

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?**(A) Internal Consultations**

The Head of Corporate Resources (FD 4918/17.) and Head of Regulation and Compliance (LD.4203/17) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

Implementation Date for the Decision

Immediately following the Council meeting.

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Appendices:

There are no appendices to this report

Background Papers:

There are no background papers available for inspection.

1. Introduction/Background

- 1.1 Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 provides that if an Elected Member fails to attend any Council or Committee Meeting for a period of six months he or she ceases to be an Elected Member, unless the absence was approved by the Council before the expiry of the six month period.
- 1.2 Unfortunately Councillor Kevin Cluskey is unable to attend any meeting due to ill health. He last attended a Council Meeting on 9 January 2017.
- 1.3 Members are requested to approve his absence from all Council or Committee Meetings until 15 May 2018.