

Meeting: COUNCIL
Date of Meeting: 25 MARCH 2010
Title of Report: ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS –
SECTION 85 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
ACT 1972

<u>Report of:</u>	Mrs. C.J. Elwood Legal Director
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<u>Exempt/Confidential</u>	No

1.0 Summary

This report requests authority to approve and authorise the absence of Councillor V. Platt from attendance at Council and Committee Meetings pursuant to Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 due to his current ill health.

2.0 Recommendations

That the current absence from all Council and Committee Meetings of Councillor Platt due to ill health be authorised and approved for a further period from the date of this meeting until 6 May 2010, which is the date of the Council elections, pursuant to the provisions of Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972.

3.0 Background

- 3.1** 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 will be automatically disqualified as an Elected Member, unless their failure to attend was for a reason which was approved by the Council before the expiry of the six month period.
- 3.2** Unfortunately Councillor V. Platt has not been well enough to attend any meeting for several months due to ill health. He last attended an Employment Procedural Committee Meeting on 9 June 2009.
- 3.3** The Council at its meeting held on 22 October 2009 approved his absence from all Council or Committee meetings due to ill health for a six month period until 21 April 2010. This is the last Council meeting prior to that date and Councillor Platt will not be well enough to attend any further meetings due to ill health.
- 3.4** Members are requested to approve his current absence from all Council or Committee Meetings due to ill health for a further period from the date of this meeting until 6 May 2010, which is the date of the Council elections.

