

**Meeting of the Full Council  
Meeting to be held on 22 October 2015**

Report submitted by: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

**Part A**

Electoral Division affected:  
None

**Non-Attendance of County Council Member**

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**Executive Summary**

This report asks the Full Council to consider the non-attendance of County Councillor Mark Perks at meetings of the Council and Committees.

**Recommendation**

The Full Council is asked to consider approving the non-attendance of County Councillor Mark Perks at meetings of the Council and Committees for reasons of ill-health, for the purposes of Section 85 of the Local Government Act, 1972, until 26 May 2016.

**Background and Advice**

Under Section 85 of the Local Government Act, 1972, if a Member of a Local Authority fails, throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of his/her last attendance, to attend any meeting of the Authority he/she shall cease to be a Member of the Authority unless the reasons for non-attendance are approved by the Authority before the expiry of the six month period.

Due to ill health County Councillor Mark Perks last attended a meeting on the 21 May 2015 and the six months will, therefore, expire on 21 November which is prior to the next meeting of Full Council. It is unlikely that Councillor Perks will be able to attend meetings for some time yet and the Full Council is, therefore, asked to consider approving the non-attendance of County Councillor Perks for the purposes of Section 85 of the Local Government Act, 1972, on medical grounds until 26 May 2016.

## **Consultations**

N/A

## **Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

### **Risk management**

Without the approval of the Full Council to the reason for non-attendance, County Councillor Perks would cease to be a Member of the Authority.

## **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

### **List of Background Papers**

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A