

# **Full Council 22 February 2018 Dispensation Under Section 85 Local Government Act**

## **For Decision**

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### **Statutory Authority**

Local Government Act 1972

### **Purpose of Report**

- 1 To approve the absence of Councillor Ian Roebuck from meetings, for a period of 6 months, due to ill health.

### **Recommendations**

- 2 To approve a dispensation for Councillor Ian Roebuck from attending meetings of the council, for a period of 6 months commencing on 22 February 2018, by reason of illness, in order to avoid Councillor Ian Roebuck ceasing to be a member of the authority under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972.

### **Reason for Decision**

- 3 To seek a dispensation for Councillor Ian Roebuck for reasons of ill health.

### **Background and Reason Decision Needed**

- 4 Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 provides that, if a member of a local authority fails throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of his last attendance to attend any meeting of the authority he shall, unless the failure was due to some reason approved by the authority before the expiry of that period, cease to be a member of the authority.
- 5 Councillor Ian Roebuck last attended a meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 and due to current ill health he may not be able to attend meetings over the coming months. Without a dispensation from Full Council Cllr Roebuck will cease to be a member of the Council if he is unable to attend a meeting before 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Members are therefore asked to consider this request for a dispensation.

## **Implications**

## **Consultation and Engagement**

6 Liberal Democrat Political Group Leader, Cllr J Taylor.

## **Footnote**

Issues relating to financial, environmental, economic and equalities implications have been considered and any information relevant to the decision is included within the report.

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