

## COUNCIL

31 MARCH 2020

### REPORT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

#### A.A APPROVAL OF NON-ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

(Report prepared by Ian Ford)

#### PART 1 – KEY INFORMATION

##### **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To approve the reason for Councillor Nicola Overton's non-attendance at meetings of the Council etc. if she does not attend before 7 April 2020.

##### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The last meeting which Councillor Overton attended was that of the Community Leadership Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 7 October 2019.

Councillor Overton's GP has certified that she is ill and that this illness is at a level where she is unfit to work. This will be the case up until 30 April 2020 at the earliest. Further specialist medical advice is being sought by Councillor Overton. Councillor Overton's ability to attend meetings of the Council, and its Committee, while she is ill has been severely impacted by her illness in this period.

If a Councillor does not attend any meeting of the Council (or any of its Committees or Sub-Committees) for a consecutive period of six months, Section 85 of Part V of the Local Government Act 1972 disqualifies them unless the Full Council approves the reason for non-attendance before the end of that period.

In the event that Council approves the recommendation set out below, Councillor Overton would need to attend a meeting of Council, or a Council Committee, before 7 October 2020 in order to remain a Councillor (or otherwise be subject to a fresh approval of absence by Council prior to that date).

This is the last scheduled meeting of the Full Council before the six-month period expires.

##### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**That the Council approves Councillor Overton's reason (namely illness) for non-attendance at meetings of the Council in the event of her not attending a meeting before 7 April 2020.**

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS LIST FOR  
REPORTS OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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None.