

COUNCIL

28 NOVEMBER 2023

REPORT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

A.7 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 Jim Codling's non-attendance at meetings of the Council etc. if he does not attend before 16 February 2024.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The last meeting, which Councillor Codling attended, was that of the Miscellaneous Licensing Sub-Committee meeting on 16 August 2023.

Councillor Codling emailed the Committee Services Manager on 11 October 2023 to inform the Council that, unfortunately due to health issues, he would be unable to attend Council et cetera meetings for the next three to four months i.e. until mid-January 2024 at the earliest.

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 Codling would need to attend a meeting of Council, or a Council Committee, before 16 August 2024 in order to remain a Councillor (or otherwise be subject to a fresh approval of absence by Council prior to that date).

This report could be submitted to the Full Council meeting, due to be held on 30 January 2024, as that meeting is the last scheduled meeting of the Full Council before the six-month period expires, however, it has been submitted to this meeting of Full Council, in case that January meeting should need to be cancelled, for example, as a result of Winter bad weather, or a lack of business.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Council approves Councillor Codling's reason (namely health issues) for non-attendance at meetings of the Council in the event of his not attending a meeting before 16 February 2024.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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Email dated 11 October 2023 from Councillor Codling to the Committee Services Manager.