COUNCIL

31 MARCH 2026

REPORT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

A.4 APPROVAL OF NON-ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

(Report prepared by Ian Ford)

PART 1 – KEY INFORMATION

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To consider approval of the reason for Councillor Anne Davis's non-attendance at meetings of the Council etc. for the period of six months commencing 30 October 2025 (if she does not attend such a meeting before 29 April 2026).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The last meeting, which Councillor Davis attended, was that of the Licensing and Registration Committee held on 29 October 2025.

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.

On Thursday 19 February 2026, the Leader of the Reform UK Group (Councillor Jeff Bray) handed to the Democratic Services Manager a letter dated 16 February 2026 and signed by Mr. Floyd Davis for, and on behalf of, Councillor Davis. A copy of that letter is appended to this report. Members will be aware that Councillor Davis is a member of the Reform UK Group.

In that letter Councillor Davis informs the Council that she had suffered a major medical issue in November 2025 and that, since that time, Councillor Davis has remained in hospital undergoing treatment. Councillor Davis states that she is recovering well, albeit slowly, and believes it wholly possible that she will be fit and able to return to her Council duties in the not-too-distant-future.

Being mindful of the statutory limit for absence that applies to elected Councillors, Councillor Davis has respectfully requested Council to approve the reason for her non-attendance at meetings thereby removing the risk of disqualification from office and granting Councillor Davis a further period of grace.

If Council approves the recommendation set out below, Councillor Davis would need to attend a meeting of Council, or a Council Committee or Sub-Committee et cetera, before 29 October 2026 to remain a Councillor (or otherwise be subject to a fresh approval of absence by Council prior to that date).

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council approves Councillor Davis's reason (namely health issues) for non-attendance at meetings of the Council etc. for the period of six months commencing 30 October 2025 (in the event of her not attending such a meeting before 29 April 2026).

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None.