

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

ANNUAL COUNCIL – 10 MAY 2017

REPORT BY HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

REQUEST FOR EXTENDED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

WARD(S) AFFECTED: All

Purpose/Summary of Report

- To consider approving a Member's extended leave of absence due to illness.

RECOMMENDATION FOR DECISION: That:

(A)	a leave of absence for Councillor J Taylor on the grounds of ill health, be approved.
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1.0 Background

1.1 Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 states that 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, s/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.

2.0 Report

2.1 Members will be aware of Councillor J Taylor's illness and the reasons for her absence from attendance at meetings since 11 January 2017. Council can only consider approval of any reasons for non attendance before the end of the relevant six month period, which will be 10 July 2017. The next scheduled Council meeting is not until 18 July 2017 and so consideration of this issue needs to be given at this meeting.

2.2 Council may approve a leave of absence on the grounds of ill health.

3.0 Implications/Consultations

3.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

Background Papers

None

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