

**TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

**Item No. 7**

**MEETING: 15 MARCH 2021**

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**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF ABSENCE**

**REPORT OF THE DEPUTY CLERK TO THE AUTHORITY**

### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to for Members to consider and approve, a further period of absence from Mr G. Cook, Chairman of the Governance Committee.

### **2.0 BACKGROUND**

As Members will recall, a report was submitted to the meeting of the Authority on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2020, seeking approval for the re-appointment of Mr G. Cook as Chair of the Governance Committee, and also considering approval for a period of absence, due to illness.

### **3.0 APPROVAL OF ABSENCE**

Mr Cook, last attended a meeting of the Governance Committee on 13 March 2020.

Members are asked to note that this is due to illness, and therefore has been unavoidable.

As a consequence of the application of section 85 Local Government Act 1972 and Mr Cook's non-attendance at a meeting of the Fire Authority for a consecutive period in excess of six months, his position as member and Chair of the Governance Committee would cease on 16 May 2021.

It is therefore proposed that the Authority approve a further period of absence for Mr Cook as a co-opted member and Chair of the Governance Committee with immediate effect.

### **4.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1** The Authority is recommended to consider and approve an extension for a further period of absence, due to illness, for Mr Cook with immediate effect.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

There are no background papers to this report