

TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

MEETING: 20 APRIL 2009

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF REASON FOR FAILURE TO ATTEND MEETINGS

REPORT OF THE CLERK TO THE AUTHORITY

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek the Authority's approval for an extended period of absence from meetings of the Authority by Councillor Bollands.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 and Standing Order D2 of the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority Standing Orders provides that if a member of the Authority fails throughout a period of six consecutive months, to attend any meeting of the Authority, committee or sub-committee, he/she shall, unless the failure was due to a reason approved by the Authority, cease to be a member of the Authority.

2.2 Unfortunately, Councillor Bollands has been unable to attend any such meetings for a period of almost six months due to a prolonged period of ill health. Members will be pleased to note that Councillor Bollands is now making progress in his recovery from illness and will hopefully be well enough to resume his attendance at meetings in the near future. However, at the present time he is still unable to participate.

2.3 In the circumstances, members are asked to approve Councillor Bollands' absence from meetings for a period beyond six months, without any effect on his status as a member of the Authority.

3. RECOMMENDATION

3.1 The Authority is requested, for the purposes of Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1985 and Standing Order D2,

(a) to give approval to the absence of Councillor Bollands' from meetings of the Authority and its committees and sub-committees over the preceding six months by reason of his serious ill-health; and

(b) to agree that Councillor Bollands' ill-health shall continue to be an approved reason for any absence from meetings over the coming six month period.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None