

**COUNCIL**

**23 JUNE 2021**

**APPROVAL OF REASON FOR ABSENCE FROM MEETINGS**

**REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE**

**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is for Members to consider approval of a period of absence for Councillor Turner.

**2.0 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1** Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 provides that “if a member of a local authority fails throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of his last attendance to attend any meeting of the authority, 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”.
- 2.2** The last attendance at a meeting by Councillor Turner was 14 January 2021 and she has been unable to attend a meeting since. In view of the provisions of the Act regarding absence from meetings, it is considered appropriate to request Council to approve a period of absence by reason of ill health.

**3.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1** Council is recommended to note Councillor Turner’s absence from meetings due to ill health and, in accordance with section 85 Local Government Act 1972, approve the reason for her absence from meetings for a period up to and including the end of December 2021.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

There are no background papers to this report.

