

COUNCIL

19th JUNE 2013

**APPROVAL OF REASON FOR FAILURE TO ATTEND MEETINGS –
COUNCILLOR F ANDERSON**

Report of the Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Council, under Section 85 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972, to the reason for Councillor Anderson's current inability to attend meetings due to illness.

2.0 Background

- 2.1** Section 85(1) of the Act 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** Due to illness, Councillor Anderson has been unable to attend any meeting of the authority since her last attendance at the Council Meeting on 30th January 2013. Although she attended a meeting of the Coalfield Area People Board on 18th February, 2013, for the purpose of the relevant legislation, her last attendance is taken to be 30th January.

3.0 Recommendation

- 3.1** The Council is accordingly asked to consider approving Councillor Anderson's reason for failure to attend meetings in accordance with Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

