

Report to	Governance Committee
Date	13 December 2022
Report By	Assistant Chief Executive
Title of Report	Non Attendance at Meetings
Purpose of Report	To consider whether to grant a dispensation to Councillor Collier in relation to his non attendance at meetings of the authority.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Governance Committee is recommended to approve the reason for Councillor Collier's non-attendance and grant a dispensation for Councillor Collier from attending meetings of the Council to allow Councillor Collier to remain qualified until such time as he is recovered and is able to attend a meeting of the Council.

1. Supporting Information

1.1 Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 provides that if a Member fails, throughout a period of six consecutive months to attend a meeting of the authority then they cease to be a member of the authority unless the failure was due to some reason approved by the Authority before the expiration of the period.

1.2 Councillor Collier is unwell and unlikely to be in a position to attend a meeting in person in the near future and consequently risks not having attended at a meeting for 6 months. Councillor Collier has requested that the Council considers granting him a dispensation.

2. Conclusion and Reason for Recommendation

2.1 As a result of Councillor Collier's ill health it is unlikely that he will be able to attend a meeting in the coming months. The Committee is therefore recommended to approve the reason for Councillor Collier's non-attendance and grant a dispensation from attending meetings of the Council until June 2023.

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