

**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:** **FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**DATE:** **TUESDAY, 27 JANUARY 2015**

**REPORT BY:** **CHIEF OFFICER (GOVERNANCE)**

**SUBJECT:** **INABILITY TO ATTEND MEETINGS DUE TO ILLNESS**

**1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.01 To consider authorising the temporary absence of Councillor Billy Mullin from attendance at formal meetings.

**2.00 BACKGROUND**

2.01 Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 provides that if a Member fails to attend any meetings for 6 consecutive months he shall cease to be a member of the authority unless the reason for that failure is approved before the end of the period.

2.02 Councillor Billy Mullin last attended a formal meeting on 11 September 2014. Councillor Mullin is not well and receiving ongoing treatment.

**3.00 CONSIDERATIONS**

3.01 The purpose of the statutory provision is to give the Council the option of approving a member's absence where there is good reason for it so as to prevent the member ceasing to be a member at the end of the 6 month period.

3.02 The only reason Councillor Mullin has not attended meetings is due to his ill-health. It is not considered appropriate in a public report to give details of this ill-health. This report is being brought early so that Councillor Mullin does not feel under pressure to attend a meeting before 11 March 2015.

**4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS**

4.01 For Council to approve Councillor Mullin's absence from meetings.

**5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.01 None as a result of this report.

**6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT**

6.01 None as a result of this report.

**7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

7.01 None as a result of this report.

**8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT**

8.01 None as a result of this report.

**9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

9.01 None as a result of this report.

**10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED**

10.01 None as a result of this report.

**11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN**

11.01 With the Council Chair and Council Leader.

**12.00 APPENDICES**

12.01 None.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985  
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

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