

PUBLIC

Item 8(i)

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNCIL

4th December 2013

Report of the Director of Legal Services

Approval of non-attendance at meetings – Councillor K Morgan

1. Purpose of the Report

To seek the Council's approval to the non-attendance at meetings of Councillor Keith Morgan.

2. Information and Analysis

The Local Government Act 1972 provides that where a council member fails throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of their last attendance to attend any meeting of the authority, then, unless the non-attendance is approved by the authority, they cease to be a member of the authority.

Councillor Keith Morgan will be undergoing hip replacement surgery in the New Year and, as a result, it is anticipated that he may not be in a position to attend any meeting of the Council (including committees and sub-committees) during a period of six consecutive months. On account of his medical condition, Councillor Morgan's last attendance at a Council meeting was on the 2nd October 2013. Approval by the Council of Councillor Morgan's non-attendance at meetings until the meeting of the Council on the 4th June is, therefore, considered to be appropriate.

3. Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: financial, legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

4. Background Papers

None

5. Officer's Recommendations

That the Council approves the non-attendance at meetings of Councillor Keith Morgan until the Council meeting on 4th June 2014.

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