
Council

18 June 2019

Name of Cabinet Member:

N/A

Director Approving Submission of the report:

Deputy Chief Executive (Place)

Ward(s) affected:

None

Title:

Attendance at Meetings

Is this a key decision?

No

Executive Summary

This report seeks Council's approval for Councillor S Bains to continue to be a member of the authority in the event of him being unable to attend a meeting throughout a six-month period due to his ill health.

Recommendation:

That the Council agrees that, should Councillor S Bains fail throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of his last attendance to attend any meeting of the authority due to his ill health, he shall continue to be a member of the authority.

Has it or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

No

Has it, or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?

No

Will this report go to Council?

Yes – 18 June 2019

Report title: Attendance at Meetings

1 Context (or background)

- 1.1 Councillor Sucha Bains last attended a meeting of the authority on 21 January, 2019. Unfortunately, Councillor Bains has been ill since then and has been unable to attend any meetings.
- 1.2 Section 85 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 their last attendance to attend any meeting of the authority or executive, they 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 Options considered and recommended proposal

- 2.1 In the event of Councillor Bains being unable to attend any meetings before the expiration of a six month period (21 July, 2019), it is recommended that, due to his ill health, Councillor Bains should continue to be a member of the authority.

3 Results of consultation undertaken

Not applicable

4 Timetable for implementing this decision

- 4.1 In the event of Councillor S Bains not being able to attend a meeting before 21 July, 2019, if approval is given by Council, he will continue to be a member of the authority.

5. Comments from the Director of Finance and Corporate Services

- 5.1 Financial implications

There are no financial implications.

- 5.2 Legal implications

Requirements in relation to attendance at meetings is detailed in Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972.

6. Other implications

None

6.1 How will this contribute to the Council Plan?

Not applicable

6.2 How is risk being managed?

None identified.

6.3 What is the impact on the organisation?

Not applicable

6.4 Equalities / EIA

There are no EIA implications

6.5 Implications for (or impact on) climate changes and the environment

None

6.6 Implications for partner organisations?

None

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