

## County Council

18 June 2014

### Request for Dispensation



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## Report of Head of Legal and Democratic Services

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### Background

- 1 Section 85(1) 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 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”.

### Councillor Joe Buckham

- 2 I have to report to Council that because of prolonged period of illness, which includes the need for monthly visits to consultants, Councillor Buckham has been unable to attend any qualifying meetings under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 since 23 January 2014.
- 3 Under the circumstances, Councillor Buckham has submitted a request that the Council approve the reason for his non-attendance at meetings.

### Recommendation

- 4 The Council is asked agree a dispensation for Councillor Joe Buckham on the grounds of ill health.