

## **REPORT FOR: COUNCIL**

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<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	1 December 2016
<b>Subject:</b>	Approval of reason for absence of Councillor Bob Currie and Councillor Mitzi Green
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Hugh Peart, Monitoring Officer
<b>Exempt:</b>	No
<b>Wards affected:</b>	Roxbourne and Kenton East
<b>Enclosures:</b>	None

### **Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations**

This report sets out a request received from the Labour Group seeking approval of the reasons for absence of Councillor Bob Currie and Councillor Mitzi Green.

#### **Recommendations:**

**That Council approves the reasons for absence of Councillor Bob Currie and Councillor Mitzi Green under section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 and grants them a dispensation from the requirement to attend a meeting of the Council until 18 May 2017 (Annual Council).**

## Section 2 – Report

Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 states that if a member of a local authority fails throughout a period of six consecutive months to attend any meeting of the authority, he/she 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.

Due to a serious health condition, Councillor Mitzi Green may not be able to attend Council on 1 December 2016 and there is a risk of the statutory provisions applying.

Councillor Bob Currie also has a serious health condition and, whilst he attended Council on 22 September 2016, he may not be able to attend future meetings.

For the reasons outlined above, it is proposed that both Councillors be granted a dispensation from the requirement to attend a meeting of the Council until 18 May 2017 (Annual Council).

### Financial Implications

There are no financial implications with this report.

### Risk Management Implications

The risk is that Councillors Currie and Green, if the Council does not approve the reason for absence, will cease to be members of the Authority.

## Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Dawn Calvert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chief Financial Officer
Date: 11 November 2016		
Name: Hugh Peart	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Monitoring Officer
Date: 18 November 2016		



## Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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