Report of the Head of Democratic Services

Council - 25 April 2019

Dispensation for Councillor Leave of Absence – Councillor S E Crouch

Purpose:	To seek dispensation for Councillor leave of absence in accordance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972.
Policy Framework:	None.
Consultation:	Access to Services, Finance, Legal.
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that:
1)	Councillor S E Crouch be granted dispensation not to attend meetings for the period up to 31 May 2020 in accordance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972.
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1.   Introduction

1.1   Councillor S E Crouch has notified the Authority that due to illness she may be absent from Council meetings for some time. This could result in a breach of Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 whereby failure to attend meetings of the Authority for a period of 6 consecutive months would mean that the Councillor would cease to be a member.

1.2   In accordance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, Councillor S E Crouch has requested dispensation not to attend meetings for the period up to and including 31 May 2020.

1.3   Section 85 of the Act allows an Authority to approve a leave of absence, however, the approval must be granted before the expiry of the six month period. Councillor S E Crouch last attended a meeting on 28 March 2019. The last meeting attended being a meeting of Council.

1.4   Council must therefore considering the request for leave of absence before 28 September 2019

2.   **Electoral Ward Duties**

2.1   Councillor S E Crouch' Electoral Ward duties will be undertaken by Councillor Colleagues within the Castle Electoral Ward.

3.   **Financial Implications**

3.1   There are no financial implications associated with this report.

4.   **Legal Implications**

4.1   There are no legal implications associated with this report other than those mentioned within the report.

Background Papers: None

Appendices: None.