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ST EDMUNDSBURY COUNCIL - TUESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2016

Late Urgent Item: Councillor Terry Buckle - Review of Dispensation:

On 27 September 2016, the Mayor agreed that the attached item could be considered as a matter of urgency, in accordance with S100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, in order that the matter could be resolved within the necessary timescale.

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Councillor Terry Buckle: Review of Dispensation

Owing to illness, Councillor Buckle has been unable to attend Council meetings since 23 February 2016. Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 provides that failure to attend for six consecutive months will lead to the Councillor ceasing to be a member of the authority unless, before the end of that six-month period, the authority approves the reason for non-attendance.

On 28 June 2016, Council resolved the granting of a dispensation for the non-attendance of Councillor Terry Buckle at meetings for a period in excess of six consecutive months and that the situation would be reviewed at the next ordinary meeting of Council on 27 September 2016 (minute 176 refers).

Councillor Buckle's health has improved to a degree whereby he hoped to attend this meeting of Council; however, despite offers of support to assist him at the meeting, he has not in the end been able to attend.

It is therefore **RECOMMENDED** that:

- (1) the previously approved dispensation in respect of the non-attendance of Councillor Terry Buckle at meetings for a period in excess of six consecutive months be extended beyond the agreed date of 27 September 2016 until the next ordinary meeting of Council on 20 December 2016, by reason of ill health, in accordance with Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972; and
- (2) Councillor Buckle should make every effort to attend any meetings of the Council on or before 20 December 2016, and subject to any other extenuating circumstances being considered and approved by Council on 20 December 2016, no further dispensation will be granted and Councillor Buckle would cease to be a member of St Edmundsbury Borough Council at midnight on 20 December 2016.

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