

## ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Council
2.	Date:	2nd November, 2011
3.	Title:	Absence from Council due to illness
4.	Directorate:	Chief Executive's

### 5. Summary

To consider approving the absence of Councillor Blair from meetings of the Council as a result of illness.

### 6. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Council note Councillor Blair's failure to attend council meetings due to long-term illness and, for the purposes of section 85 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972, approve his absence from council meetings so long as he remains unfit to attend due to illness.

## **7. Proposals and Details**

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 is due to some reason approved by the Authority before the expiry of that period, cease to be a Member of the Authority.

Councillor Blair is suffering from a serious illness and has been unable to attend any meetings of the Council since that date.

It is open to the Council to approve Councillor Blair's illness as a reason for his non-attendance.

## **8. Finance**

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

## **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

If the reason for Councillor Blair's absence is not approved he is unable to attend any Council meeting.

## **10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications**

The Council has given approval in the past where a Member has had serious health problems.

## **11. Background Papers and Consultation**

Not applicable.

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