

NAME OF COMMITTEE	Council
DATE	9 December 2014
REPORT TITLE	Cllr Ewings – Approval of Absence
Report of	The Democratic Services Manager
WARDS AFFECTED	Tavistock South

Summary of report:

To consider a report that seeks Council approval to authorise Cllr Ewings' absence from Council duties.

Financial implications:

None directly arising from this report.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council RESOLVES that Cllr Ewings' absence from Council duties be approved.

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Members will be aware that Cllr Ewings is currently unable to perform Council duties because of continued ill-health.
- 1.2 Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 states that, if a Member does not attend any meetings of the authority for a period of six months from the date of his or her last attendance, then that Member ceases to be a Member, unless within the period of absence the authority gives approval for the absence.
- 1.3 Cllr Ewings' has not been able to attend a meeting since the Planning and Licensing Committee meeting held on 1 July 2014 and approval is therefore sought to authorise her continued absence and to avoid the provisions of Section 85.

2. RISK MANAGEMENT

2.1 The Risk Management implications are shown at the end of this report in the Strategic Risks Template.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Corporate priorities engaged:	All
Statutory powers:	Local Government Act 1972, Section 85
Considerations of equality and human rights:	None directly related to this report
Biodiversity considerations:	None directly related to this report
Sustainability considerations:	None directly related to this report
Crime and disorder implications:	None directly related to this report
Background papers:	Planning and Licensing Committee minutes of the meeting held on 1 July 2014.
Appendices attached:	None.

STRATEGIC RISKS TEMPLATE

No	Risk Title	Risk/Opportunity Description	Inherent risk status			Mitigating & Management actions	Ownership	
			Impact of negative outcome	Chance of negative outcome	Risk score and direction of travel			
1	Calling a by-election	In the event of this recommendation not being supported, it will be necessary to call a by-election for the Tavistock South ward, which will have significant cost and resource implications especially when considering that we are less than 5 months away from the next Borough Council elections.	3	1	3	↔	By agreeing the recommendation to approve Cllr Ewings' absence.	Democratic Services Manager

Direction of travel symbols ↓ ↑ ↔