



Borough of Telford and Wrekin

Full Council

Thursday 11 November 2022

Councillor Leave of Absences – Supplemental Report

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Wards Affected:	The Nedge, Hadley and Leegomery
Key Decision:	Not Key Decision
Forward Plan:	Not Applicable
Report considered by:	Not Applicable

1.0 Recommendations for decision/noting:

Council is asked to:

- 1.1 Approve leave of absences for Councillors Vanessa Holt, Leon Murray and Malcolm Smith until 2 March 2023.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 This report seeks approval of Full Council for leave of absences for Councillors, who owing to medical matters are at risk of not attending a meeting of the Council within a period of 6 months.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 Members will be aware that the Local Government Act 1972 requires Members to attend a meeting of the authority at least once in 6 months. In the event that they do not do so, then they automatically cease to be a Member of the Council. This

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applies unless the reason for the failure to attend is one that has been approved by Council. This is known as the 6 month rule.

4.0 Summary of main proposals

4.1 Leave of absences are sought for three Members. Councillor Vanessa Holt is presently suffering from a period of ill health, Councillor Leon Murray is presently suffering from a period of ill health and Councillor Malcolm Smith has recently suffered a bereavement. It is intended that the leave of absence is granted until 3 March 2023, but nothing would preclude the Councillors from returning to their duties at an earlier date.

5.0 Financial Implications

5.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

6.0 Legal and HR Implications

6.1 Full Council is empowered pursuant to section 85 the Local Government Act 1972, to agree the absence of Councillors where there is a risk that they may breach the six month rule.

7.0 Background Papers

There are no background papers to this report.

8.0 Appendices

There are no appendices to this report.

16.0 Report Sign Off

Signed off by	Date sent	Date signed off	Initials
Legal	09/11/2022	09/11/2022	RP