

## RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER EMERGENCY URGENCY POWERS

**SUMMARY OF DECISION TO BE TAKEN:** Considering a request for the Approval of Absence under the provisions of Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 for Councillor Ascough.

Councillor Ascough has requested an extension as he has not been able to attend a committee meetings since 21 October 2019 due to health reasons. Councillor Ascough has confirmed that he is in better health now and therefore able to continue his role as a Councillor. He had intended to attend committee meetings recently, however those meetings had been cancelled due to the Covid-19.

**ASSOCIATED COMMITTEE:** Full Council

### RELEVANT PERSONS CONSULTED:

- The Mayor (As Chair of The Full Council (Cllr Sharma) – responses received and is in full support.
- Leader of the Council (Cllr Lamb) - responses received and confirmed his support for the purposed approach.
- Leader of the Opposition (Cllr Crow) – responses received and was in support for a leave of absence for any member of the council where there is evidenced illness for a long period. Such decisions should be consistent with the approach applied by the council to its employees.

Consultation with the above ran between on Friday 19th April 2020 to Tuesday 14 April 2020

**DECISION MADE:** Approval of Absence under the provisions of Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 for Councillor Ascough until **16 July 2020**

**REASONS FOR DECISION AND FURTHER INFORMATION:** The rationale for this extension allows Councillor Ascough the opportunity to attend committee meetings as they are about to recommence.

I hereby agree that I will take the decision as set out above, for the reasons detailed, under the Council's Emergency Urgency Powers.



**Chief Executive**  
**Date: 20 April 2020**