

**AGENDA ITEM
REPORT TO COUNCIL**

26 NOVEMBER 2008

**REPORT OF DIRECTOR
OF LAW AND
DEMOCRACY**

Proposed Dispensation for Non-Attendance – Councillor Frankland

Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 provides that where a council member fails, throughout a period of six consecutive months, to attend any meeting of his authority then he ceases to be a member of the authority unless the failure was due to some reason approved by the authority before the expiry of that period.

Councillor Frankland is currently incapacitated due to illness and has been unable to attend any meeting of the authority for a period in excess of 4 months. Councillor Frankland is unlikely to be in a position to attend a meeting in the near future and has requested that Council considers granting him a dispensation.

RECOMMENDED that Council considers granting a dispensation to allow Councillor Frankland to remain qualified until such time as he is recovered from his illness and is able to attend a meeting of the Council.