

**AGENDA ITEM**

**REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2009**

**REPORT OF DIRECTOR  
OF LAW AND  
DEMOCRACY**

**Proposed Dispensation for Non-Attendance – Councillor Aggio and  
Councillor Mrs Trainer**

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/her authority then he/she 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 Aggio and Councillor Mrs Trainer are currently incapacitated due to illness and have been unable to attend any meeting of the authority for a period in excess of 4 months. Councillor Aggio and Councillor Mrs Trainer have requested that Council considers granting them a dispensation.

**RECOMMENDED** that Council considers granting a dispensation to allow Councillor Aggio and Councillor Mrs Trainer to remain qualified until such time as they have recovered from illness and are able to attend a meeting of the Council.