

**AGENDA ITEM**

**REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2009**

**REPORT OF DIRECTOR  
OF LAW AND  
DEMOCRACY**

**Proposed Dispensation for Non-Attendance – Councillor Mrs. Nelson**

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 Mrs Nelson 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 Mrs Nelson has requested that Council considers granting her a dispensation.

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