

**AGENDA ITEM**

**REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**25 SEPTEMBER 2019**

**REPORT OF  
CORPORATE  
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

**Proposed Dispensation for Non-Attendance – Councillor Marilyn Surtees**

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 the authority then the member 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 Marilyn Surtees is currently incapacitated due to illness and has been unable to attend any meeting of the authority for a period in excess of 5 months. Councillor Marilyn Surtees is unlikely to be in a position to attend a meeting in the near future and has requested that Council considers granting her a dispensation.

**RECOMMENDED** that Council considers granting a dispensation to allow Councillor Marilyn Surtees to remain qualified until such time as she is able to attend a meeting of the Council.