

STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL
COUNCIL

**AGENDA
ITEM NO**

20 FEBRUARY 2020

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Report Title	DISPENSATION UNDER SECTION 85 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972			
Purpose of Report	To approve the absence of Councillor David Mossman from Council meetings due to illness.			
Decision(s)	Council RESOLVES to: a. Authorise Councillor Mossman to be absent from all meetings of the Authority until the end of the Municipal Year.			
Consultation and Feedback	Group Leaders			
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Options	The options are either to grant the authorisation or decline to do so.			
Background Papers	None			
Appendices	None			
Implications (further details at the end of the report)	Financial	Legal	Equality	Environmental
	No	Yes	No	No

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Councillor David Mossman is very unwell and is unable to attend meetings at all or with any regularity due to his illness.
- 1.2 Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 provides that, if a member of a local authority fails throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of his / her last attendance to attend any meeting of the authority, s/he will cease to be a member of the authority.
- 1.3 Prior to the six month period elapsing, Council is able to approve the absence of a member thus ensuring that s/he does not cease to become a member. This is the purpose of this report.
- 1.3 Councillor Mossman attended Council on the 18th of July and the Planning Review Panel on the 22nd of October 2019. Section 85 subsection 2 includes advisory panels within the requisite attendance.

2. CONCLUSION

If Councillor Mossman is unable attend any further meetings, he will cease to be a member unless Council authorises his absence.

3. IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Financial Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

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3.2 Legal Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

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4.1 Equality Implications

An EIA is not required because there are not any specific changes to service delivery proposed within this decision.