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Ward (s) affected	N/A
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Subject	Approval of Councillor Absence
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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Councillor Santi Mondejar may continue to be absent from meetings until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2016.

The Council has the authority to determine the Recommendation

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Under section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, a Member ceases to hold that office if he/she has not attended a meeting for a period of six consecutive months, unless the absence is due to a reason approved by the Council during that six months.
- 1.2 The last qualifying meeting attended by Councillor Santi Mondejar was a meeting of Development Control Committee on 2nd September 2015. Since then Councillor Mondejar has unfortunately been unable to attend any formal meetings due to personal circumstances.
- 1.3 This meeting of the Council is its last meeting before the potential expiry of the six month period since Councillor Mondejar last attended a meeting and, as such, the Council is asked to consider approving Councillor Mondejar’s absence from meetings for an extended period.
- 1.4 The Council is requested to agree that Councillor Mondejar may, if required, continue to be absent from meetings, while maintaining membership of the Council, until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2016.

2. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None arising from this report.

3. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The above recommendation is made in accordance with the provisions of section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972. If the absences are not approved Councillor

Mondejar will cease to be a member of the authority with effect from 2nd March 2016
Councillor Mondejar's seat would remain vacant until the elections on 5th May.

4. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Monitoring Officer commentary - The Monitoring Officer confirms that all relevant legal implications have been taken into account.

S151 Officer commentary - The S151 Officer confirms that the relevant financial implications have been considered in this report.

Risk implications - There are no risk implications as a result of this report.

Equalities Implications - There are no equalities implications as a result of this report.

Employment Issues - There are no employment implications as a result of this report.

Sustainability Issues - There are no sustainability implications as a result of this report.

Consultation and Communications - None

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None other than published documents