

Cambridgeshire County Council Record of Decision

Decision taken by an officer of the Council

Option C – Decision by the Chief Executive, Section 10, Part 4.4(a) – The Procedure for Taking Urgent Decisions, Part 4 – Rules of Procedure, The Constitution

Title of decision	Section 85 Local Government Act 1972 – Recommendation to Extend Six Month Rule
Date decision taken	16 December 2021 (this decision would have been taken by Council on 14 December 2021 (see agenda on Council's website County Council meeting 14/12/2021) but the meeting was called off by the Council's Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Vice-Chair of Council, following advice from the Director of Public Health in the light of the rapidly increasing Omicron numbers).
Decision maker	Chief Executive (ordinarily it would be full Council)
Details of decision taken	Approved, for the purposes of Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, the absence of Councillor Derek Giles from any meeting of the Authority from the date of this decision for six months on the grounds of his ill health.
Reasons for taking decision	<p>Under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 if a Member fails throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of his/her last attendance to attend any meeting of the Council or as a representative of the Council on an Outside Body he/she shall, unless the failure was due to some reason approved by the Council before the expiry of that period, cease to be a member of the Authority.</p> <p>Due to ill-health, Councillor Derek Giles has not been able to attend any Council or Committee meetings since his attendance at full Council on 20th July 2021. A request was put forward to Council to approve an extension to the usual six-month rule to enable Councillor Giles to remain in office. If this request is not approved Councillor Giles will cease to be a member of the Council on 20th January 2022, and his constituents will be without an elected Member until an election can be arranged.</p>
Options considered	None.
Details of any conflict of interests declared	None
Details of any disclosable pecuniary interest or non-statutory disclosable interest declared	None

Signature of decision maker (if appropriate)

Signature redacted

Chief Executive