

**Minutes of the meeting of Council held at The Conference Room,
Herefordshire Council Offices, Plough Lane, Hereford, HR4 0LE
on Friday 13 May 2022 at 2.00 pm**

Present: Councillor Sebastian Bowen (chairperson)

Councillors: Paul Andrews, Polly Andrews, Clare Davies, Barry Durkin, Toni Fagan, John Hardwick, John Harrington, David Hitchiner, Bob Matthews, Jeremy Milln, Paul Rone, Nigel Shaw, John Stone, David Summers and Kevin Tillett

In attendance: Councillors Christy Bolderson, Pauline Crockett, Phillip Howells and
(Remote, virtual) Louis Stark

Officers: Chief Executive, Chief Finance Officer, Democratic services manager, Senior solicitor, governance

52. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman explained that a quorum of members had been achieved and the meeting could proceed.

Apologies for absence were received from councillors Graham Andrews, Bartlett, Bartrum, Boulter, Bowes, Chowns, Gemma Davies, Foxton, Gandy, Guthrie, Harvey, Hewitt, Hey, l'Anson, James, Jinman, Johnson, Graham Jones, Mike Jones, Kenyon, Lester, Marsh, Millmore, Norman, Phillips, Price, Probert, Swinglehurst, Symonds, Toynbee, Tyler, Watson and Wilding.

53. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

54. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from members of the public.

55. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

There were no questions from members of the Council.

56. COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP - DISPENSATION

Council considered a report by the Director of Law and Governance to agree an extension to Councillor Graham Jones period of absence to 18 June 2022. The Chairman introduced the report and proposed the motion to agree the recommendations in the accompanying report.

Cllr John Harrington seconded the motion to agree the recommendations in the accompanying report.

Council was supportive of the dispensation to extend the period of absence for Councillor Graham Jones.

The motion was put to the vote and was carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: That:

- a) Council approve a period of absence from meetings by Councillor Graham Jones pursuant to section 85 of the Local Government Act, and**
- b) The monitoring officer is authorised to extend Councillor Graham Jones current period of absence, by one month, to 18 June, 2022.**

The meeting ended at 2.10 pm

Chairperson