



DECISION ITEM

| REPORT OF | MEETING | DATE | ITEM NO |
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| HEAD OF GOVERNANCE | COUNCIL | 6 FEBRUARY 2023 | 13 |
| DECLARATION OF VACANCY – KIRKHAM NORTH WARD | | | |

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY

Under the Local Government Act 1972, Councillor Paula Brearley has automatically ceased to be a councillor because of non-attendance of meetings. The council is required to declare her office to be vacant.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That as required by section 86 of the Local Government Act 1972, the office of Councillor in Kirkham North ward previously held by Councillor Paula Brearley be declared to be vacant.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

None.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

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| Economy – To create a vibrant and healthy economy | |
| Environment – To deliver services customers expect | |
| Efficiency – By spending money in the most efficient way | |
| Tourism – To create a great place to live and visit | |

REPORT

1. Councillor Paula Brearley, Kirkham North ward, has not attended any meetings of the Borough Council, Committee or Sub-Committee nor any other meeting as a representative of the Borough Council since 21 July 2022.
2. Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 provides that if a member fails to attend any such meeting for a period of six months, they cease to be a member of the authority unless a reason for non-attendance has been approved by the Council before the expiry of the period. The Council must then declare the seat to be vacant. The six months expired on 21 January 2023.
3. No reason for non-attendance was approved by the council. The Borough Council is therefore asked to declare the seat to be vacant. Because the vacancy falls less than six months before the scheduled council elections, no by-election is required to or can be held.

| IMPLICATIONS | |
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| Finance | None from this report |
| Legal | None from this report |
| Community Safety | None from this report |
| Human Rights and Equalities | None from this report |
| Sustainability and Environmental Impact | None from this report |
| Health & Safety and Risk Management | None from this report |

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| BACKGROUND PAPERS | | |
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| Name of document | Date | Where available for inspection |
| None | | |