
Report To:	Inverclyde Council	Date : 2 December 2010
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Subject:	Update on Continued Absence of a Councillor	

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Council with regard to the position of Councillor Grieve, which was considered by the Council at its meeting on 7 October.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 Councillor Grieve had been unable to attend meetings of Council for a period of six continuous months from 10 March 2010 due to illness.
- 2.2 In terms of the Council's Standing Orders and Scheme of Administration (SO 11), if a member fails throughout a period of six consecutive months to attend any meetings of the Council he or she shall, unless the failure was due to some reason approved by the Council, cease to be a member. The terms of the Council's Standing Orders reflect the terms of Section 35 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973. For the purposes of completeness, in terms of the legislation, meetings of the Council include meetings of committees, sub-committees and joint boards (Section 35 (2)).
- 2.3 At its meeting on 7 October, the Council agreed to approve the continued absence of Councillor Grieve and agreed to review the position at its meeting of 2 December.
- 2.4 I would advise Council that Councillor Grieve attended a meeting of the General Purposes Board on 10 November and therefore his period of continuous absence is now at an end.
- 2.5 Members are asked to note the position.
- 2.6 There are no financial implications related to this report.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Members are asked to note the terms of this report.

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Head of Legal & Democratic Services