



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICHESTER HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
AT THE COUNCIL HOUSE, NORTH STREET, CHICHESTER
ON WEDNESDAY 30 MAY 2018 AT 5.00PM**

- PRESENT : The Mayor (Councillor Bell)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Tupper)
Councillors Apel, Budge, Dignum, Galloway, Hixson, Holman, Joy,
Keyworth, Kilby and Plowman
- APOLOGIES : Councillors Dempster, M Evans, P Evans, J French and T French,
- ABSENT : Councillors Macey, Scicluna and Sharp
- IN ATTENDANCE : Town Clerk and Administration Manager

9 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

As recorded above.

10 COUNCILLOR JO FRENCH - SIX MONTHS ABSENCE

The Local Government Act 1972, Section 85 expressly provides that where a Council member fails throughout a period of 6 consecutive months from the date of their last attendance to attend any meeting of the authority then, subject to certain exceptions, they cease to be a member of the authority unless failure was due to some reason approved by the Council before the expiry of that period.

Councillor Jo French's last meeting attendance was the Council Meeting on 6 December 2017, thus her six month period of absence expires on 6 June 2018.

Councillor Jo French's request for an extension had been circulated to all members.

Members expressed their views on the request of Councillor Jo French for another 5 month extension, ie. to the end of November 2018.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that no extension be granted.

The Town Clerk explained that on 7 June 2018, the Returning Officer at Chichester District Council would be informed of the Casual Vacancy on Chichester City Council. Within 14 days of the vacancy being advertised, ten local government electors can request an election. If an election did not happen then the Returning Officer would advise the City Council that the vacancy could be filled by co-option. A City Council policy for co-option would need to be agreed to ensure a transparent process is followed if this route was taken.

The meeting closed at 5.10pm