

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MEMBERS ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICHESTER TO BE HELD AT 3.00PM ON MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2022 IN THE OLD COURT ROOM, THE COUNCIL HOUSE, NORTH STREET, CHICHESTER

Town Clerk 24 August 2022

Agenda

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive and approve apologies and reasons for absence from members of the Council.

2. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS ACT) 1960

Proposal to resolve that the public and press be excluded from this meeting for agenda item 3 due to the nature of the business to be transacted, namely confidential Councillor matters.

3. COUNCILLOR CATHERINE HARRY – SIX MONTHS ABSENCE

The Local Government Act 1972, Section 85 expressly provides that where a Council member fails throughout a period of six 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 Harry's last attendance at a qualifying meeting was 21 March 2022, therefore her six month period of absence expires on 20 September 2022.

Confidential documents attached:

- Report from the Town Clerk explaining the available options
- A letter from Councillor Harry's husband asking for an extension to the absence to the Council meeting on 14 December 2022.

The filming, photographing and recording of City Council meetings is now permitted by those members of the press and public attending. This includes the use of mobile devices by those using social media. It would be appreciated if anyone who wishes to do this could let the Chairman know before the meeting commences.

However, these provisions will not apply on occasions where the press and public are excluded from the meeting when confidential matters are discussed.

It is requested that discretion is exercised and nothing done to disrupt or distract the meeting in any way. The Chairman will reserve the right to request that filming/recording ceases if it is having a detrimental effect upon the meeting. If you do not wish to be filmed then please let the Chairman know so that alternative arrangements can be made.