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Report to:	Executive Committee
Date of Meeting:	8 June 2011
Report by:	Chief Executive

Subject:	Councillor Convery - Attendance at Council Meetings
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ advise of action taken, in terms of Standing Order No 36(c) because of the timescales involved, by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chair and an ex officio member, to approve the reason for the non attendance of Councillor Gerry Convery at Council meetings.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the action taken, in terms of Standing Order No 36(c), by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chair and an ex officio member, to approve the reason for Councillor Convery's non attendance at Council meetings and his continued non attendance until such time as he is considered sufficiently recovered and able to resume his Council activities, be noted.

3. Background

3.1. With reference to Section 35(1) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and in terms of Standing Order No 6 of the Council's Standing Orders on Procedures, if a councillor does not go to any Council meetings for a period of 6 months, he or she will stop being a member of the Council unless he or she has:-

- ◆ the Council's permission; or
- ◆ a good reason approved by the Council

The 6 month period starts from the date of the first meeting which the councillor failed to attend.

4. Current Position

4.1. As members will be aware, Councillor Convery was involved in an accident on 21 November 2010 and that, as a result of serious injuries sustained, he has been unable to attend Council meetings in the period since that time.

4.2. With effect from 1 June 2011, Councillor Convery would have failed to attend a Council meeting for a period of 6 months.

4.3. Council officers have been advised of Councillor Convery's progress and prognosis and, in view of the circumstances, the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chair and an ex officio member, approved the reason for his non attendance and his continued non attendance until such time as he is considered sufficiently recovered and able to resume his Council activities. This action was taken under Standing Order No 36(c) because of the timescales involved.

5. Employee Implications

5.1. None.

6. Financial Implications

6.1. None.

7. Other Implications

7.1. None.

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

8.1. There is no requirement to undertake an equality impact assessment or consultation in relation to the proposals contained within this report.

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Chief Executive

25 May 2011

Link(s) to Council Objectives/Improvement Themes/Values

◆ governance and accountability

Previous References

None

List of Background Papers

None

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