

6.2.4 Leave of absence - Cr Owen

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Recommendation(s)

That Council approve of a leave of absence for Cr Owen from 9 June until further notice.

Attachments

Nil

Executive Summary

Cr Owen has requested a leave of absence from his Councillor duties following a workplace injury while performing his duties as a member of Victoria Police that has resulted in him being on Work Cover and working reduced hours.

Background

The Local Government Act 2020 (section 35(1)(e)) states that a Councillor would cease to hold office if they were absent from Council Meetings for a period of 4 consecutive months without leave obtained from the Council. Further the Act (Section 35(4)) states that the Council must grant any reasonable request for leave.

Policy Implications

Nil

Relevance to Council Plan

5.1 We practise responsible leadership

5.1.1 Build trust through meaningful community engagement and transparent decision-making.

5.1.5 Champion the collective values of the community through the Councillors' governance of the shire.

Conclusion

Cr Owen has requested a leave of absence from his Councillor duties whilst he is recovering from a workplace injury while performing his duties as a Police Officer.