

Report Title:	<b>Member Attendance 2015-2019</b>
Contains Confidential or Exempt Information?	No - Part I
Officer reporting:	Duncan Sharkey, Managing Director
Meeting and Date:	Council 26 February 2019
Wards affected:	All

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## REPORT SUMMARY

1. This report provides an overview of Member attendance statistics to date (26 May 2015 – 8 February 2019) for the current term of office, following a request from the Leader of the Council, and requests future annual reports from the Employment and Member Standards Panel to include details on Member attendance.
2. In the interests of transparency, the report also requests officers to identify ways to expand the information available to the public in terms of Member attendance, voting records and declarations of interests at meetings. Additional functionality on the council website will then be implemented from the start of the new municipal year in May 2019.

## 1. DETAILS OF RECOMMENDATION(S)

### RECOMMENDATION: That Full Council:

- i) **Notes the Member attendance statistics for all councillors for the period 26 May 2015 – 8 February 2019 (Appendix A).**
- ii) **Requests the Employment and Member Standards Panel annual report to Full Council from 2019/20 to include details on Member attendance.**
- iii) **Requests officers to identify ways to expand the data available on the council website in relation to Member attendance, voting statistics and declarations of interest at meetings, for implementation from the start of the 2019/20 municipal year.**

## 2. REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S) AND OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 Since November 2015, the council has used the *Modern.gov* meeting management system to record Member attendance; these statistics are published to the council website:

<https://rbwm.moderngov.co.uk/mgUserAttendanceSummary.aspx>

- 2.2 Appendix A provides additional detail including overall statistics from 26 May 2015, the start of the current term of office for Members. Where a Member

ceased to be a councillor, or became a councillor part way through the period following a by-election, this is noted.

- 2.3 Member efficiency is important, as well as staff efficiency, in enabling the council to deliver better services. In the interests of transparency, officers are requested to investigate additional functionality of the Modern.gov system, to expand the information available to the public in relation to the activities of their elected representatives, for implementation from May 2019.

## Options

**Table 1: Options arising from this report**

<b>Option</b>	<b>Comments</b>
To note the Member attendance statistics for the current term of office to date. <b>Recommended option</b>	For noting
Requests the Employment and Member Standards Panel annual report to Full Council from 2019/20 to include details on Member attendance. <b>Recommended option</b>	Annual report to include Member attendance details
To request officers to identify ways to expand the data available in relation to Member attendance, voting records and declarations of interest at meetings <b>Recommended option</b>	Improvements to be put in place for the 2019/20 municipal year

## 3. KEY IMPLICATIONS

**Table 2: Key Implications**

<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Unmet</b>	<b>Met</b>	<b>Exceeded</b>	<b>Significantly Exceeded</b>	<b>Date of delivery</b>
Improved transparency in relation to Member attendance, declaration of interests and voting statistics	No expansion of information available	Expansion of information publically available	n/a	n/a	21/5/19 onwards

## 4. FINANCIAL DETAILS / VALUE FOR MONEY

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

## 5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The terms of reference for the Employment and Member Standards Panel in the council constitution state:

### *B2.1 Purpose*

*In relation to the Members of the Council:*

*(xviii) To present an annual report to Council on Member Standards by the Chairman of the Employment and Members Standards Panel.*

## 6. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 None

## 7. POTENTIAL IMPACTS

- 7.1 None

## 8. CONSULTATION

- 8.1 Not applicable

## 9. TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

**Table 3: Implementation timetable**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Details</b>
21 May 2019 onwards	Expansion of information available relating to Member meeting attendance, voting records and declarations of interest at meetings

## 10. APPENDICES

- 10.1 This report is supported by one appendix:

- Appendix A - Member attendance statistics May 2015-to date.

## 11. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- 11.1 Detailed information in relation to attendance statistics is available on the council website:

<https://rbwm.moderngov.co.uk/mgUserAttendanceSummary.aspx>

## 12. CONSULTATION (MANDATORY)

<b>Name of consultee</b>	<b>Post held</b>	<b>Date sent</b>	<b>Date returned</b>
Cllr Dudley	Leader of the Council	14/2/19	14/2/19
Duncan Sharkey	Managing Director	12/2/19	12/2/19
Russell O'Keefe	Executive Director	14/2/19	
Andy Jeffs	Executive Director	14/2/19	14/2/19
Rob Stubbs	Section 151 Officer	14/2/19	14/2/19
Elaine Browne	Interim Head of Law and Governance	12/2/19	14/2/19
Nikki Craig	Head of HR and Corporate Projects	14/2/19	15/2/19
Louisa Dean	Communications	14/2/19	14/2/19
Kevin McDaniel	Director of Children's Services	14/2/19	14/2/19
Angela Morris	Director of Adult Social Services	14/2/19	14/2/19
Hilary Hall	Deputy Director of Commissioning and Strategy	14/2/19	14/2/19
Mary Severin	Monitoring Officer	12/2/19	13/2/19

### REPORT HISTORY

<b>Decision type:</b> For information	<b>Urgency item?</b> No	<b>To Follow item?</b> No
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Appendix A - Member attendance statistics May 2015 to date

Municipal Year	2015-2016 26/5/15-23/5/16			2016-2017 24/5/16-22/5/17			2017-2018 23/5/17-21/5/18			2018-2019 22/5/18-8/2/19			2015-to date 26/5/15-8/2/19		
	Expected	Present	%	Expected	Present	%	Expected	Present	%	Expected	Present	%	Expected	Present	%
Airey M	29	19	66	27	18	67	37	27	73	29	22	76	122	86	70
Airey N	39	30	77	40	33	83	45	34	76	28	25	89	152	122	80
Alexander	43	38	88	34	31	91	38	30	79	37	29	78	152	128	84
Bateson	75	69	92	59	50	85	58	54	93	41	39	95	233	212	91
Bathurst (until May 16)	59	47	80	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	59	47	80
Beer	58	54	93	47	45	96	56	55	98	38	36	95	199	190	95
Bhatti	28	18	64	21	13	62	21	15	71	14	8	57	84	54	64
Bicknell	73	59	81	65	49	75	64	52	81	42	30	71	244	190	78
Bowden	48	41	85	50	33	66	48	41	85	33	26	79	179	141	79
Brimacombe	51	46	90	23	11	48	22	17	77	22	19	86	118	93	79
Bullock	34	31	91	30	22	73	29	21	72	21	14	67	114	88	77
Burbage	56	47	84	43	31	72	39	17	44	20	8	40	158	103	65
Cannon (from Nov 18)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4	3	75	4	3	75
Carroll	28	22	79	42	30	71	39	29	74	25	19	76	134	100	75
Clark	31	26	84	36	29	81	34	28	82	29	22	76	130	105	81
Collins (until Apr 17)	35	35	100	33	29	88	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	68	64	94
Coppinger	48	45	94	56	50	89	47	41	87	31	26	84	182	162	89
Cox	34	27	79	31	27	87	29	22	76	14	7	50	108	83	77
Diment (from Mar 16)	2	2	100	22	13	59	24	17	71	20	11	55	68	43	63
Dudley	56	39	70	36	34	94	36	33	92	21	21	100	149	127	85
Da Costa (from May 17)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	34	27	79	25	15	60	59	42	71
Evans D	22	18	82	37	27	73	39	33	85	17	12	71	115	90	78
Evans L	43	27	63	41	33	80	57	42	74	43	30	70	184	132	72
Gilmore	20	12	60	24	16	67	17	13	76	8	6	75	69	47	68
Grey (until Oct 18)	60	53	88	60	47	78	60	46	77	19	16	84	199	162	81
Hill	42	28	67	38	31	82	17	11	65	21	13	62	118	83	70
Hilton	65	59	91	57	52	91	60	58	97	41	38	93	223	207	93
Hollingsworth	36	27	75	23	14	61	25	19	76	28	22	79	112	82	73
Hunt	36	32	89	39	36	92	44	43	98	42	39	93	161	150	93
Ilyas	18	18	100	19	18	95	30	24	80	23	19	83	90	79	88
Jenner (until Feb 16)	18	7	39	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	18	7	39
Jones	45	35	78	47	42	89	38	29	76	9	6	67	139	112	81
Kellaway	35	33	94	31	25	81	52	45	87	43	38	88	161	141	88
Lenton	40	36	90	38	30	79	38	21	55	28	23	82	144	110	76
Lion	14	10	71	20	12	60	21	16	76	11	8	73	66	46	70
Love	45	36	80	26	22	85	34	30	88	22	20	91	127	108	85
Luxton	20	14	70	12	8	67	32	29	91	42	34	81	106	85	80
Majeed	36	21	58	13	5	38	22	11	50	19	7	37	90	44	49
McWilliams	29	24	83	35	20	57	27	22	81	13	13	100	104	79	76
Mills	32	30	94	24	24	100	34	32	94	28	28	100	118	114	97
Muir	23	18	78	10	8	80	17	14	82	8	5	63	58	45	78
Pryer	23	16	70	26	17	65	25	14	56	20	8	40	94	55	59
Quick	8	8	100	49	46	94	58	48	83	47	42	89	162	144	89
Rankin	36	33	92	49	30	61	41	32	78	14	11	79	140	106	76
Rayner C	43	37	86	34	25	74	43	37	86	22	14	64	142	113	80
Rayner S	40	32	80	55	47	85	60	55	92	33	26	79	188	160	85
Richards	27	21	78	12	7	58	20	13	65	18	11	61	77	52	68
Saunders	41	28	68	61	44	72	57	45	79	33	24	73	192	141	73
Sharma	23	21	91	24	22	92	24	20	83	17	14	82	88	77	88
Sharp	31	20	65	40	33	83	35	26	74	28	23	82	134	102	76
Sharpe (from June 16)	n/a	n/a	n/a	29	24	83	37	35	95	33	27	82	99	86	87
Shelim	32	31	97	30	23	77	36	30	83	31	24	77	129	108	84
Smith	24	19	79	32	26	81	34	28	82	22	17	77	112	90	80
Story	19	18	95	24	22	92	22	20	91	14	13	93	79	73	92
Stretton	56	41	73	22	14	64	29	19	66	24	15	63	131	89	68
Targowska	26	15	58	36	27	75	32	25	78	22	16	73	116	83	72
Walters	36	29	81	27	19	70	23	18	78	29	18	62	115	84	73
Werner	29	17	59	29	19	66	22	18	82	16	11	69	96	65	68
Wilson D	65	65	100	66	64	97	52	52	100	54	54	100	237	235	99
Wilson E	32	32	100	25	23	92	25	25	100	26	26	100	108	106	98
Yong	25	18	72	25	21	84	34	28	82	27	21	78	111	88	79

Key:	
<b>Expected</b>	<b>Present</b>
The number of meetings that the councillor was expected to attend in their capacity as a member of that panel	The number of meetings that the councillor attended in their capacity as member (or substitute acting as a member) of that panel