

The City of Edinburgh Council

10:00am, Thursday 27 May 2021

Vacation of Office

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 To consider whether there is a reason for the absence of Councillor Ritchie.

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Report

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2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 This report asks Council to consider whether there is a reason for the absence of Councillor Ritchie from Council meetings.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 states that if a member of a local authority does not attend a meeting of the Council or any of its committees within a period of six consecutive months, then they cease to be a councillor unless the Council agrees there is a reason for this absence.

4. Main report

- 4.1 Councillor Ritchie last attended a meeting of the Council on 10 December 2020 meaning that either:
- 4.1.1 He must attend the Council meeting on 27 May 2021;
 - 4.1.2 Council approve that there is a reason for his absence.
- 4.2 In the event of Councillor Ritchie not attending the Council meeting or Council deciding there is not a reason for said absence then he will cease to be a member of the Council on 10 June 2021.
- 4.3 The Chief Executive has written to Councillor Ritchie informing him of the current situation.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 Not applicable.

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 In the event of Councillor Ritchie vacating office a by-election would be required to be held.

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

- 7.1 Not applicable.

8. Background reading/external references

8.1 Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

9. Appendices

9.1 None