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Dear Nirav

Scouting Volunteers

Thank you for your letter of 06 June, I am responding on behalf of Amanda Beer.

Personnel Committee on 09 July has been postponed, and I am not able to confirm when the item relating to volunteer time will be reconsidered.

I am grateful to you for taking the time to share the contribution Kent Scouting makes to the lives of children and young people across the County.

I am pleased to confirm that our leave provision was amended in 2024 to accommodate additional leave for volunteering. KCC staff, in agreement with their line manager, can already access a range of special leave which includes two days in support of volunteering.

At their last meeting Elected Members asked for additional consideration to be given to extending this provision for Cadet Force Volunteers. Rather than focus on one group exclusively, officers have been asked to consider whether the existing provision and ability to seek support for volunteering needs to be reviewed again.

I will share your insights with the Human Resources Team who are exploring what is feasible for KCC in terms of affordability and business continuity.

Again, my thanks for your time and for sharing the work you do as an organisation.

Yours Sincerely

Ben Watts
Deputy Chief Executive