

By: Joel Cook – Democratic Services Manager

To: County Council - 20 October 2022

Subject: Request for Extended Leave of Absence

Classification: Unrestricted

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## **Introduction**

1. Under Section 85 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972, if a Member of a local authority fails throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of his/her last attendance to attend any meeting of the Authority or as a representative of the Authority on an outside body, s/he shall unless the failure was due to some reason approved by the Authority before the expiry of that period cease to be a Member of the Authority.
2. This requirement can be waived and the time limit extended if any failure to attend was due to a reason approved by the Authority in advance of the six month period expiring.

## **Request for Extended Leave**

3. Following a discussion with the Leader of the Council, Ms Becki Bruneau is asking the County Council to consider a request for extended leave because of ill-health.
4. Ms Bruneau has not been able to attend any Council or Committee meetings since 11 May 2022. The Council can only consider approval of any reasons for non-attendance before the relevant six month period, which will be 11 November 2022. Ms Bruneau has indicated that because of her health she would like to ask for the time limit to be extended in order that she can recover and return to the role of Member and has asked for an extension not exceeding six months (namely 11 May 2023).

## **Recommendation**

In accordance with Section 85 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972 the County Council is asked to consider Ms Bruneau's request for extended leave to 11 May 2023 on the grounds of ill health.

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