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To: County Council – 12 September 2024

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, including ongoing cancer treatment.
4. Ms Bruneau has not been able to attend any Council or Committee meetings since 21 March 2024. The Council can only consider approval of any reasons for non-attendance before the end of relevant six month period, which will be 21 September 2024. As the next County Council election is due to take place in May 2025, it is requested the extension be approved up until the date following the election.

## **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 2 May 2025 on the grounds of ill health.

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