
Decision Maker: **COUNCIL**

Date: **Monday 17 July 2023**

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Title: **REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF SIX MONTH ATTENDANCE RULE**

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Chief Officer: Tasnim Shawkat, Director of Corporate Services and Governance

Ward: All

1. Reason for decision/report and options

- 1.1 At its meeting on 11th July 2023, General Purposes and Licensing Committee is due to consider the attached report. The Local Government Act 1972 requires a member of a Local Authority to attend at least one meeting of that Authority within a six month consecutive period, in order to avoid being disqualified as a Councillor. 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. Councillor Jonathan Laidlaw is currently unwell and not expected to return to his duties as a councillor for some time.
- 1.2 The views of General Purposes and Licensing Committee will be reported to Council.
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2. **RECOMMENDATION**

Subject to the views of General Purposes and Licensing Committee, Council is recommended to approve a waiver of the six month attendance requirement to Councillor Jonathan Laidlaw to extend his absence by up to a further six months to 10th May 2024.

Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: Not Applicable
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Transformation Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy
 2. Making Bromley Even Better Priority:
(5) To manage our resources well, providing value for money, and efficient and effective services for Bromley's residents.
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No cost
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Democratic Services
 4. Total current budget for this head: £1,607k
 5. Source of funding: Revenue Budget
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Personnel

1. Number of staff (*current and additional*): Not Applicable
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: Not Applicable
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: None:
 2. Call-in: Not Applicable: council decisions are not subject to call-in
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Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications: Not Applicable
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Property

1. Summary of Property Implications: Not Applicable
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Carbon Reduction and Social Value

1. Summary of Carbon Reduction/Sustainability Implications: Not Applicable
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Impact on the Local Economy

1. Summary of Local Economy Implications: Not Applicable
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Impact on Health and Wellbeing

1. Summary of Health and Wellbeing Implications: Not Applicable
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users or customers (*current and projected*): Not Applicable
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? No
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: Not Applicable

Non-Applicable Headings:	Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children/Policy/Finance/Personnel/Procurement/Property/Carbon Reduction/Local Economy/Health & Wellbeing/Customers/Ward Councillors
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	None