

Report to:	COUNCIL
Relevant Officer:	Mark Towers, Director of Governance and Partnerships
Date of Meeting	25 September 2019

MEMBER ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider an extension to the period of six consecutive months as the period of non-attendance at Council related meetings for Councillor Mrs Henderson MBE.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To approve the extension of the six-month consecutive period for Councillor Mrs Henderson with regard to her non-attendance at a Council related meeting, to run up to an including the Annual Council meeting on 11 May 2020.

2.2 That it is noted that the reason for this extension is due to Councillor Mrs Henderson's MBE current illness.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 A decision is required at this Council meeting, as retrospective approval cannot be given when the six-month period has expired.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

To not make any appointments.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The appointments proposed in this report will help the Council achieve all its priorities.

5.0 Background Information

5.1 The law states that where a Council member fails throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of their last attendance at a Council related meeting then subject to certain provisions, he/ she ceases to be a member, unless the failure was due to some reason approved before the expiry of that period.

5.2 Councillor Mrs Henderson's last attendance was at the Annual meeting held on 22 May and her six-month period would therefore expire on 22 November 2019. As members are aware, Councillor Mrs Henderson MBE has recently undergone an operation and this has meant she has been unable to attend any meeting since that date and Council is therefore requested to extend her six-month period up to and including the Annual Council meeting on 11 May 2020.

List of Appendices

None

6.0 Legal considerations

6.1 A decision is required at this Council meeting, as retrospective approval cannot be given when the six-month period has expired.

7.0 Human Resources considerations

7.1 There are no Human Resources considerations.

8.0 Equalities Considerations

8.1 There are no equalities considerations.

9.0 Financial considerations

9.1 There are no financial considerations in this report.

10.0 Risk management considerations

10.1 There are no risk management considerations

11.0 Ethical considerations

11.1 There are no ethical considerations.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken

12.1 None.

13.0 Background papers

13.1 None.