

## COUNCIL

Thursday, 15 September 2022

**PRESENT** – The Mayor, Councillors Ali, Allen, Bartch, Bell, Boddy, Dr. Chou, Clarke, Cossins, Crumbie, Mrs Culley, Donoghue, Dulston, Durham, Harker, Haszeldine, Holroyd, C L B Hughes, L Hughes, Johnson, B Jones, Mrs D Jones, Layton, Lee, Lucas, Marshall, McCollom, McEwan, Newall, K Nicholson, M Nicholson, A J Scott, Mrs H Scott, Snedker, Sowerby and Tait.

**APOLOGIES** – Councillors Crudass, Heslop, Laing, Lister, Renton, Tostevin, Wallis, Willis and Wright.

**ABSENT** – Councillors Baldwin, Keir, Mills, Paley and Preston.

### 21 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

### 22 **REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF NON-ATTENDANCE - COUNCILLOR LISTER**

The Group Director of Operations submitted a report (previously circulated) to consider an application on behalf of Councillor Lister for an extension to the six-month period of her non-attendance at meetings due to ill health.

The submitted report stated that Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 stated that if a Member of a Local Authority failed throughout a period of six consecutive months, from the date of his/her last attendance, to attend any meeting of the authority, he/she 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.

It was further reported that Councillor Lister had not attended any Council or Committee meeting since 16 March 2022, and would cease to be a Member of the Council from midnight on 15 September 2022, unless the Council approved the reason for the non-attendance.

**RESOLVED** – That the request for an extension of non-attendance by reason of ill-health until Councillor Lister's term of office has ended (May 2023), be agreed.