

# Report

Report to: **South Lanarkshire Council**  
Date of Meeting: **24 May 2023**  
Report by: **Chief Executive**

Subject: **Councillor McAdams - Attendance at Council Meetings**

## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ consider an application for a further extension to the period of non attendance by Councillor McAdams at Council meetings due to ill health in terms of Standing Order No 7 of the Council's Standing Orders on Procedures.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Council is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that a further extension of up to 6 months' further non attendance at Council meetings be considered for Councillor McAdams effective from 21 June 2023.

## 3. Background

3.1. With reference to Section 35(1) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and in terms of Standing Order No 7 of the Council's Standing Orders on Procedures, if a councillor does not go to any Council meetings for a period of 6 months, he or she will stop being a member of the Council unless he or she has:-

- ♦ the Council's permission; or
- ♦ a good reason approved by the Council

The 6-month period starts from the date of the first meeting which the councillor failed to attend.

## 4. Current Position

4.1. Due to ill health, Councillor McAdams has been unable to attend Council meetings for a period of time. Councillor McAdams' absence took effect from 21 June 2022, meaning the initial 6-month period expired on 21 December 2022. At its meeting held on 7 December 2022, the Council approved an extension of up to 6 months' non attendance at Council meetings. This 6-month period is due to expire on 21 June 2023.

4.2. Councillor McAdams has confirmed that she is, as yet, unable to return to Council duties and has asked that Council consider a request for a further extension to her period of absence for up to 6 months in terms of Standing Order No 7, effective from 21 June 2023.

## **5. Employee Implications**

5.1. None.

## **6. Financial Implications**

6.1. None.

## **7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

7.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment in terms of the information contained in this report.

## **8. Other Implications**

8.1. There are no other implications in terms of the information contained in this report.

## **9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

9.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and, therefore, no impact assessment is required.

9.2. There is no requirement to carry out a consultation process in relation to this report.

**Cleland Sneddon**  
**Chief Executive**

19 April 2023

## **Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes**

- ◆ Accountable, Effective, Efficient and Transparent
- ◆ Fair, Open and Sustainable

## **Previous References**

None

## **List of Background Papers**

None

## **Contact for Further Information**

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-

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