

COUNCIL MEETING – 19TH JULY 2023

PARENTAL LEAVE POLICY FOR COUNCILLORS

RECOMMENDATION

That the proposed Parental Leave Policy be adopted.

Extract from the Minutes of the Corporate Policy Committee meeting on 6 October 2022

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The Committee considered a proposed parental leave policy for Councillors.

The report invited the Committee to consider the recommendations of the former Constitution Committee, following its consideration of a motion with an attached draft policy on 15th July 2019 that had been referred to that Committee by Council on 21st February 2019. The draft policy had been shared with the current Constitution Working Group which had given the policy its broad support.

There was some concern about how ward responsibilities would be supported in the event of an extended absence by a ward member, particularly in the case of a single member ward.

It was noted that the arrangements could be reviewed in the light of experience.

RESOLVED

That the Committee recommends to Council that the proposed parental leave policy be adopted as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.