

NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY	
REPORT TITLE: COUNCILLOR ABSENCE	
REPORT OF: MANAGING DIRECTOR	
FOR SUBMISSION TO NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY	DATE: 13 February 2014
<p>SUMMARY OF REPORT</p> <p>This report seeks approval from the Authority to agree to the extension of councillor absence for Councillor John Bevan, in relation to the six month non-attendance requirement of the NLWA's Standing Orders.</p> <p>Local Government Act 1972 – Access to Information</p> <p>Documents used in the preparation of this report: None excepting minutes of previous meetings</p> <p>Contact Officer: Alastair Round Committee services, NLWA Camden Town Hall Judd Street London WC1H 9JE Telephone: 020 7974 1914 alastair.round@camden.gov.uk</p>	
<p>RECOMMENDATION:</p> <p>(1)The North London Waste Authority is RECOMMENDED to approve that Councillor John Bevan not be disqualified due to non-attendance at Authority meetings for a period of 6 consecutive months for the reasons as outlined in paragraph 1.3 of this report.</p> <p>(2) That the extension of the period within which Councillor Bevan can attend a meeting should apply until the end of the 2013/14 Municipal Year.</p>	

Signed by the Managing Director:

Date:12 February 2014.....

1. Introduction

1.1 Members are asked to note the Authority's Standing Orders requirements in respect of non- attendance as outlined below:

1.2 A.3.3 Non-Attendance

(a) Members who do not attend any meeting of the Authority for a period of six months are disqualified from membership of the Authority, unless the reason for their non-attendance was approved by the Authority before the end of the six month period.

(b) Where the Deputy Clerk becomes aware that a Member has failed to attend a meeting of the Authority, its committees and/or its other subsidiary bodies for a period approaching six months, the Deputy Clerk will advise the member concerned and their constituent authority of their risk of disqualification.

(c) In the event of the Member concerned failing to attend a meeting of the Authority, the Authority will invite the constituent Council to appoint a replacement representative.

1.3 Councillor Bevan, representing the London Borough of Haringey, has been unable to attend a meeting of the Authority since his appointment to the Authority on 21 August 2013. This is because Councillor Bevan was appointed to the Authority mid-year and many of his meetings for the current Council year had already been arranged for many months. Unfortunately, many of those already arranged meetings clashed with the Authority's meetings. In particular, meetings of the Lee Valley Park Authority, on which Councillor Bevan is the Leader of the Labour Group, normally meet on Thursdays which is the same day as the Authority. However, Councillor Bevan has attended a number of the Authority's other informal briefings. Given these reasons, it is recommended that the period within which Councillor Bevan can attend a meeting should be extended until the end of the 2013/14 Municipal Year.

2.0 Reason for urgent consideration at the meeting

2.1 Councillor Bevan cannot attend the meeting of the Authority on 13 February 2014 and the next meeting is not until 17 April 2014. As a result, if an extension is not granted at this meeting then Councillor Bevan's absence will go beyond the six month period. Therefore, a decision is needed urgently at this meeting.

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