

<b>THE LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN</b>	<b>WARDS:</b> All
<b>REPORT TITLE:</b> Waiver of Six Month Councillor Attendance Rule for a Member on Sick Leave	
<b>REPORT OF:</b> Borough Solicitor	
<b>FOR SUBMISSION TO:</b> Council	<b>DATE:</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
<p><b>SUMMARY OF REPORT:</b> Members are asked to agree an extension to the period of absence of a Member on sick leave.</p> <p><b>Local Government Act 1972 – Access to Information</b> There were no documents used in the preparation of this report which require listing.</p> <p><b>Contact Officer:</b> Vicky Wemyss-Cooke Democratic Services Town Hall London WC1H 9JE Tel: 020 7974 5726 Email: vicky.wemyss-cooke@camden.gov.uk</p>	
<p><b>RECOMMENDATION:</b></p> <p>(i) In accordance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, to agree an extension to the period of absence for Councillor Sue Vincent for a period of up to 7 weeks beginning on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026; and</p> <p>(ii) To note that Councillor Sue Vincent will continue to receive her Members' allowance during her absence.</p>	

Signed by:



Andrew Maughan  
Borough Solicitor

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026

## **1. Background**

- 1.1 Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 states that if a Member fails throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of his or her last attendance to attend any meeting of the Council he or she shall on the expiry of that period cease to be a Member unless the failure was due to some reason approved by the Council. Attendance at a meeting of a committee or sub-committee of the Council or at any meeting of a joint committee or other such body discharging functions of the Council or at any meeting as a representative of the Council is deemed to be a meeting of the Council.

## **2. Proposal**

- 2.1 The last meeting of the Council that Councillor Sue Vincent attended was the full Council meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025.
- 2.2 In November 2025 Councillor Vincent underwent an emergency operation which has a recovery time of between six months and a year. This means that she is unlikely to be able to return to Council duties before six months have elapsed since she last attended a meeting. The Council is therefore asked to agree an extension of the period of absence of a further seven weeks from 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025, that being up to the date of the local elections on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026.
- 2.3 The Council is also asked to note that Councillor Vincent will continue to receive her basic allowance throughout the extension period.

## **3. Legal Comments of the Borough Solicitor**

- 3.1 This is a report of the Borough Solicitor and there are no further legal comments.

## **4. Comments of the Director of Finance**

- 4.1. The Director of Finance has no comments.

## **5. Environmental Implications**

- 5.1 There are no environmental implications.

**REPORT ENDS**