

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 12, Councillor Richards will move the following motion:

This Council is eternally indebted to the loyal and committed workforce for all their endeavours throughout the last 18 months. Our staff have continued to deliver the services that is taken for granted prior to the pandemic, as well as the other increased duties that the pandemic has forced upon the council in order to ensure that our residents, and staff are safe throughout. Not only have we, as an authority, maintained our statutory services but we have also distributed over £24million in Covid Business Support Grants, employed Covid Marshalls to ensure our residents safety, engaged into new IT technology as a means of maintaining our service delivery, embraced remote working and continued to deliver a service to our customers and residents under considerable pressures and limited resources.

*“Given the commitments, dedication and resilience shown by our workforce this Council agrees that as a means of showing our appreciation and gratitude that only 1 day (or pro rata) of annual leave will be required to be deducted as part of the annual weekly closed down at Christmas 2021 with a similar concession given to those other parts of the workforce who continue to provide vital services throughout the Christmas to New Year period.”*