



Jane Mathews **March 30th 2021**



For more than a year now the BPA Chairwoman Jane Mathews has been undergoing treatment for breast cancer. She has kept this matter private but has recently decided to share her experience in the hope that it may help others facing a similar challenge.

Jane's experience has been made even more difficult by the Covid 19 pandemic and the resulting lockdowns. Despite her own health issues she has continued in her role as Chairwoman steering the BPA through the problems of lockdown, office closures and staff furloughs. During the last three months she has also taken on additional responsibilities whilst the Chief Executive Marcus Bates has been recovering from a heart operation.

All of this has taken its toll and now that Marcus has returned to work she has decided to step down from her role as Chairwoman for a period of time to concentrate on her own recovery.

The Council would like to wish Jane a speedy recovery and thank her for all the work she has undertaken during this most difficult and challenging time.