



## **COUNCIL, 27 MARCH 2013**

### **REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

#### **SUBJECT: DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS, 2013/14**

In accordance with the Constitution, meetings of the Council are fixed by the Council itself.

It has been the practice that dates for the whole of the Municipal Year are agreed each municipal year with dates for the balance of the following calendar year being agreed on a provisional basis for the purposes of the Council Diary.

It is proposed that the pattern of meetings for the coming year continues to follow past practice, which would mean dates of the Council would be as follows (all Wednesdays) –

#### **2013**

- 12 June (continuation of Annual Meeting from 23 May)
- 17 July
- 18 September
- 27 November

#### **2014**

- 29 January
- 26 February (Council tax Setting)
- 26 March
- 21 May (Annual Meeting)(provisional: see below)
- 11 June (continuation of Annual Meeting from 22 May) (provisional)
- 16 July (provisional)
- 17 September (provisional)
- 26 November (provisional)

These dates are subject to any change that may subsequently be agreed.

In particular, it is possible that the dates of the Annual Meeting and the subsequent June meeting in 2014 will need to be altered. In addition to the Municipal Election due in May, the five-yearly Election of Members of the European Parliament is also due, in May or June, and it is possible that for the sake of economy the Municipal election will be postponed to be held at the same time as the European election. A firm decision on that has yet to be made by the Government, and may not be made until early in 2014. A further report on that

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position and any adjustment to meetings arrangements consequent upon it, will follow in due course if necessary.

The meetings shall begin at the time agreed by the Council or by the Mayor, or at 7.30pm if no other time is agreed.

Dates of Cabinet and Committee meetings will be notified in due course.

There are no identified, direct **financial, legal, Human Resources or equalities implications and risks** associated with selection of these dates.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Council fixes the date of its meetings for the Municipal Year 2013/14 and, on a provisional basis, the balance of 2014.

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**Background paper List**

There are no background papers.