

COUNCIL			
Report Title	Local Elections Order and Extension to Council Calendar		
Key Decision	No	Item No.	
Ward	All		
Contributors	Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration		
Class	Part 1	Date:	27 November 2013

1. Purpose

To advise the Council of a Parliamentary Order changing the local election date in 2014 and to agree a revised schedule of meetings for the municipal year 2013-14.

2. Recommendations

The Council is asked to agree that:

- (1) the date of the Council AGM in 2014 be changed to June 11 2014.
- (2) the attached schedule of additional meetings in the current municipal year 2013-14 be approved.

3. Background

- 3.1 On September 6 2013 the Government made 'The Local Elections (Ordinary Day of Elections in 2014) Order 2013'. The effect of this Order was to combine the 2014 local elections with the revised date of the 2014 European Elections so that both sets of elections will take place on May 22 2014.
- 3.2 Effectively the terms of office of all existing Councillors are extended by three weeks with the terms of office for those elected for a 2014-2018 term being correspondingly reduced by 3 weeks. The retirement date for all Councillors who will not be contesting the 2014 poll or any who are unsuccessful in their re-election bid will be May 26 2014. The sole exceptions to this will be the current Chair and Vice-Chair of the Council who will remain in office until the AGM in June 2014.
- 3.3 Given the extended gap in decision making arising as a consequence of the later election date, the Council is asked to consider extending the current calendar to include further meetings of executive decision making bodies and linked scrutiny oversight committees. The extension to the calendar contained in an appendix to this report has been the

subject of consultation with group leaders and is now presented for approval by the Council.

4. Financial implications

There are no specific financial implications.

5. Legal implications

- 5.1 Local Election dates in 2014 have been amended by the Local Elections (Ordinary Day of Elections in 2014) Order 2013’.
- 5.2 The Annual Meeting of the Council must be held at a date and time determined in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972. In any year in which there is an election of members of the Council, the annual meeting will take place within 21 days of the retirement of councillors.

6. Conclusion

Council approval is sought for a revised AGM date in 2014 and an extension to the existing municipal calendar.

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