



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Statutory Transition Committee
Subject:	Date, Time and Venue of Future Meetings
Date:	10th December, 2013
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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	The Local Government (Statutory Transition Committees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 requires the Committee to hold regular meetings on dates, venues and at times to be determined by the Committee.

2	Key Issues
2.1	Members will be aware that, in Belfast, the Standing Committees, Party Groups and Working Groups have already established times and dates for meetings and of the difficulties of scheduling additional meetings. The Members appointed by Lisburn City Council and Castlereagh Borough Council will also have their own commitments with their own Councils.
2.2	In addition, the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee has agreed to retain its first monthly meeting to consider and discuss specific local government reform and transformation related business, therefore, the date on which the BVTC met is no longer available.
2.3	Further to this, given that the Department of Environment has issued guidance on expenditure controls whereby councils may not, without the written consent of the STC, exceed certain limits regarding the disposal of land and the entering into of contracts, it would be appropriate for the Committee to meet on a date which falls between the first and second meetings of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.
2.4	Accordingly, the following dates have been identified: 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6.00pm <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 15th January (third Wednesday due to holiday period)• 12th February• 12th March• 9th April• 14th May

	Due to the number of Members on the Committee and the fact its meetings are open to the public, it is suggested that the meetings be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Belfast.
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3	Resource Implications
3.1	None associated with report.

4	Equality and Good Relations Implications
	None

5	Recommendations
5.1	The Committee is asked to agree the date, time and venue of future meetings.

6	Decision Tracking
	Jim Hanna – December, 2013