

STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Subject:	Change of Date of Council Meeting						
Date:	24th November, 2023						
Reporting Officer:	Nora Largey, Interim City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services						
Contact Officer:	Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer						
Restricted Reports							
Is this report restricted?	Yes No x						
Please indicate the description, as listed in Schedule 6, of the exempt information by virtue of which the council has deemed this report restricted. Insert number 1. Information relating to any individual 2. Information likely to reveal the identity of an individual 3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the council holding that information) 4. Information in connection with any labour relations matter 5. Information in relation to which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained 6. Information showing that the council proposes to (a) to give a notice imposing restrictions on a person; or (b) to make an order or direction 7. Information on any action in relation to the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime							
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted? After Committee Decision After Council Decision Sometime in the future							
Never							
Call-in							
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?							

1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To consider a change to the normal date for the monthly Council meeting in January.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is recommended to agree to move the Council meeting in January from Tuesday, 2nd to Monday, 8th.

3.0	Main Report				
	Key Issues				
3.1	The Council's Standing Order 1 states that:				
	"Monthly meetings of the Council will be held on the first working day of each month except in August. Monthly Meetings shall not, however, take place on a Bank or Public Holiday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday, but shall be held on the next following weekday instead."				
3.2	In previous years, Members have commented that the date scheduled for the monthly meeting of the Council around the New Year period means that some cannot attend due to holiday commitments. The same can be said for officers, some of whom are also on holiday around that time.				
3.3	In 2024, the January meeting of the Council is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 2nd, the first working day following the New Year public holidays. There would not be any difficulty in moving this meeting to Monday, 8th January at 6.00 p.m., as no other meetings are scheduled for that date.				
3.4	It is, therefore, proposed that the January meeting of the Council take place on Monday, 8th at 6.00 p.m.				
3.5	Financial and Resource Implications None associated with this report.				
3.6	Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment				
	None associated with this report.				
4.0	Documents Attached				
	None.				