



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Committee Meeting 5th June, 2009
Date:	20th March, 2009
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Relevant Background Information

The Committee will be aware that the European Elections are scheduled to take place in June. The timetable for the Poll and Count is as follows:

- Thursday, 4th June – Polling Day
- Friday, 5th June – Verification of Ballot Papers
- Monday, 8th June – Counting of Ballot Papers

Members will be aware also that the Committee now holds two meetings per month and the first meeting in June is scheduled to be held on 5th June, which clashes with the date for the verification of the Ballot Papers.

Key Issues

It is recognised that many of the Members will be involved in assisting their Party's nominated candidates in the Election through canvassing, acting as Election Agents and attending the verification and counting of the Ballot Papers and therefore might not be available to attend the Committee meeting on 5th June. Given the time commitment of Members, it is proposed that the aforementioned meeting be cancelled. There are meetings of the Committee scheduled to be held on 22nd May and 19th June and this should be sufficient to deal with any Committee business during that period.

Resource Implications

None associated with this report.

Recommendations

Given the time commitment of Members, it is recommended that the meeting scheduled to be held on 5th June be cancelled.

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