



Subject:	Council Meeting Dates in January and April 2018
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Restricted Reports	
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Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To consider changes to the normal dates for the monthly Council meetings in January and April, 2018.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is recommended to agree that: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the date of the January meeting of Council move from Tuesday, 2nd January to Wednesday 3rd January; and• the date of the April meeting of Council move from Wednesday, 4th April to Monday 9th April.

3.0	Main report
	<p data-bbox="272 226 421 255"><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 327 1481 506">3.1 In previous years, Members have often commented that the dates scheduled for the monthly meetings of the Council around the New Year and Easter holiday periods mean that some cannot attend due to holiday commitments. The same can be said for officers, some of whom are also on holiday around those times.</p> <p data-bbox="165 577 1481 860">3.2 In 2018 the January meeting of the Council is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 2nd January, the first working day following the New Year public holidays. There would not be any difficulty in moving this meeting to Wednesday, 3rd January at 6.00pm. The People and Communities Committee was due to hold a Special meeting on 3rd January at 4.30pm to meet representatives of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive but that meeting can be rescheduled to another day in January.</p> <p data-bbox="165 931 1481 1263">3.3 The Easter holidays in 2018 fall on 2nd and 3rd April – Easter Monday and Tuesday – and the first working day afterwards is Wednesday, 3rd April when the Council meeting is due to take place. That week is popular with both Members and officers for holidays and it is suggested that the Council meeting that month could, with little or no disruption, be moved to Monday, 9th April. It may be necessary for the meetings of the Shared City Partnership and the Active Belfast Board – scheduled for 1.30pm and 4,30pm respectively that day – to be moved to different dates but that is not considered to be a problem.</p> <p data-bbox="272 1335 748 1364"><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 1435 703 1464">3.4 None associated with this report.</p> <p data-bbox="272 1536 791 1565"><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 1637 703 1666">3.5 None associated with this report.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None