



Subject:	Change of Date of Council Meeting
Date:	20 th November, 2020
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Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

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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 Monday, 4th to Thursday, 7th January.

3.0	Main Report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
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 holiday 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 2021, the January meeting of the Council is scheduled to be held on Monday, 4th, the first working day following the New Year public holidays. There would not be any difficulty in moving this meeting to Thursday, 7th 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 should take place on Thursday, 7th at 6.00 p.m.

Financial and Resource Implications

None associated with this report.

Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

None associated with this report.

4.0 Documents Attached

None