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| Subject: | Arrangements for Future Council/Committee Meetings |
| Date: | 18th June, 2020 |
| Reporting Officer: | John Walsh, City Solicitor / Director of Legal and Civic Services |
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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues |
| 1.1 | The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Committee on the proposed arrangements for the holding of Council/Committee meetings in the short to medium term. |
| 2.0 | Recommendation |
| 2.1 | <p>The Members of the Committee are asked to recommend that, in accordance with the Council decision of 4th May 2021, the Chief Executive exercise her delegated authority to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. agree the arrangements for the holding of the Special meeting of the Council on 1st July (Somme Anniversary);2. consider and agree one of the two options for the monthly meeting on 1st July; |

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| | <p>3. note the arrangements for the holding of Committee meetings from June to August; and</p> <p>4. consider the proposal to commence full hybrid meetings from September.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.0 | Main Report | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>Key Issues</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.1 | The legislation is still currently not in place for the holding of remote Committees and it is anticipated that it will not be in place until just before the Assembly recess begins on 3rd July. Therefore, the Council will need to continue with the current arrangements, with Members meeting as a Committee and making recommendations to the Chief Executive to use delegated authority to implement those recommendations. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.2 | However, direction is sought from the Committee as to arrangements it wishes to put in place for the hosting of these meetings in the short to medium term, that is, in-person, remote or hybrid. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>Council Meetings</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.3 | <p>The next Council meetings are scheduled to be held on 1st July:</p> <p><u>Special Council - 1st July at 10.45 am – Somme Anniversary</u></p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.4 | <p>It is proposed that the Special meeting is held in-person, using the same arrangements as last year, with Parties attending using the previously agreed proportionality arrangement, with up to 18 Members in attendance in the Council Chamber based on Party strengths.</p> <table><tr><td>SF</td><td>5</td><td>Green</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>DUP</td><td>4</td><td>PBPA</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>ALL</td><td>3</td><td>PUP</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>SDLP</td><td>2</td><td>UUP</td><td>1</td></tr></table> | SF | 5 | Green | 1 | DUP | 4 | PBPA | 1 | ALL | 3 | PUP | 1 | SDLP | 2 | UUP | 1 |
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| 3.5 | The meeting would be broadcast on the Council’s website, to allow other Members, the press and the public to view. It would not be a hybrid meeting. Accordingly, there would be a requirement for a minimum of 15 Members to be in attendance for the meeting to be quorate. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.6 | It should be noted that it may also be necessary for this special meeting to agree on a number of items of other Council business relating to the transaction of land, as this cannot be delegated. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| 3.14 | <p>decisions which may need to be taken at short notice to be implemented using the Committee's delegated authority.</p> <p>It is proposed that full in-person meetings at this stage are the exception to deal with these issues and that these arrangements are not extended to any other meetings, except in the cases of emergency, at this time.</p> <p><u>Working Groups</u></p> |
| 3.15 | <p>It is proposed that Working Groups continue to meet remotely.</p> <p><u>Review of Arrangements</u></p> |
| 3.16 | <p>Any agreed arrangements would be kept under review and further reports brought to the PGLCF and Strategic Policy and Resources Committee as required.</p> |
| 3.17 | <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There will be financial and resource implications associated with this report. Funding for City Hall Minor Works (to include any work required in City Hall for the provision of hybrid meetings) has been allocated in the non-recurrent funding which is subject to a separate report to Committee.</p> |
| 3.18 | <p><u>Equality, Good Relations or Rural Needs Implications</u></p> <p>Any equality, good relations or rural needs implications will be identified as part of the Council's usual screening process.</p> |
| 4.0 | <p>Documents Attached</p> |
| | <p>None</p> |