

STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Subjec	et:	Arrangements for Future Council/Committee	e Mee	tings	5			
Date:		18th June, 2020						
Report	ing Officer:	John Walsh, City Solicitor / Director of Legal an	ıd Civi	c Se	rvices			
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Is the decision eligible for Call-in?						X		
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1.0		/Summary of Main Issues	.:44.0		ha nua	d		
1.1		is report is to seek approval from the Comm				•		
	arrangements for tr	e holding of Council/Committee meetings in the	short	to me	edium te	erm.		
2.0	Recommendation							
2.1	The Members of t	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:							
	1. agree the a	rangements for the holding of the Special meet	ing of	the (Council			
		Somme Anniversary);	-					
	2 consider an	d agree one of the two options for the monthly m	ootina	. on 1	ot Julya			

- 3. note the arrangements for the holding of Committee meetings from June to August; and
- 4. consider the proposal to commence full hybrid meetings from September.

3.0 Main Report

Key Issues

- 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.
- 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.

Council Meetings

3.3 The next Council meetings are scheduled to be held on 1st July:

Special Council - 1st July at 10.45 am - Somme Anniversary

3.4 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.

SF	5	Green	1
DUP	4	PBPA	1
ALL	3	PUP	1
SDLP	2	UUP	1

- 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.

Monthly Meeting – 1st July at 6.00 pm There are two options: 3.7 1. revert to same arrangements that have been in place over the previous year, that is the meeting is hosted in the Lavery Room by the Lord Mayor, with the remainder of the Members attending remotely via Teams: or 2. use the same measures as the Special Council meeting held on 1st June, that is, hybrid, with simultaneous attendance in the Chamber (proportional representation) and online via Teams. 3.8 There would be no requirement for a quorum to be present in the Chamber for the meeting to proceed. However, Democratic Services would still need the names in advance of those who proposed to attend. **Committee Meetings** June - August 3.9 The meetings for the month of June are already in progress and these will continue this month using the arrangements which were agreed by the Council on 4th May, that is, Members of the Committee meeting remotely and making recommendations to the Chief Executive. The Council will be in recess during July and it is proposed that the remote format continues 3.10 during the resumption of meeting in August. September onwards 3.11 From September, it is proposed that the Committee meetings move to a full hybrid arrangement. These meetings would be held in the Great Hall / Banqueting Hall, City Hall and would allow 3.12 all Members of a Committee to attend in-person if they so wished. The meeting would also be held jointly via Teams to allow Councillors the choice to attend, participate and vote in the meeting remotely also. In-person meetings only Members will be aware that full in-person meetings of the Strategic Policy and Resources 3.13 Committee have been/will be arranged to deal with bonfire-related issues to allow any

	decisions which may need to be taken at short notice to be implemented using the				
	Committee's delegated authority.				
3.14	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.				
	Working Groups				
3.15	It is proposed that Working Groups continue to meet remotely.				
	Review of Arrangements				
3.16	Any agreed arrangements would be kept under review and further reports brought to the				
	PGLCF and Strategic Policy and Resources Committee as required.				
	Financial and Resource Implications				
3.17	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.				
	Equality, Good Relations or Rural Needs Implications				
3.18	Any equality, good relations or rural needs implications will be identified as part of the				
	Council's usual screening process.				
4.0	Documents Attached				
	None				
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