

North Tyneside Council Report to Council Date: 24 October 2013

ITEM 8

Title: Annual Council Meeting
2014 – Change of Date

Portfolio(s): Elected Mayor

Cabinet Member(s): Norma Redfearn

Report from Directorate: Chief Executive's Office

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Wards affected: All Wards

PART 1

1.1 Purpose:

To seek approval of the full Council to change the date of the Annual Council meeting currently scheduled for 15 May 2014.

1.2 Recommendation(s):

The Council is recommended to agree that:

- (1) the 2014 Annual Council meeting will take place on the revised date of 5 June 2014 and that the meeting originally scheduled for 15 May 2014 be cancelled;
- (2) the various appointments made to committees/sub committees for the 2013/14 municipal year continue until the rescheduled Annual Council meeting; and
- (3) the Head of Law and Governance, in consultation with the Chair of the relevant committee/sub committee, be authorised to convene any additional committee/sub committee meetings that may be required prior to the rescheduled Annual Council meeting but are not included in the approved programme of meetings for the 2013/14 municipal year.

1.3 Forward Plan:

This item first appeared on the Forward Plan that was published on 2 October 2013.

1.4 Council Plan and Policy Framework

This report is administrative and therefore has no direct relevance to the Council Plan priorities.

1.5 Information:

The Local Elections (Ordinary Day of Elections in 2014) Order 2013 has now been made. This provides that the date of local elections in England in 2014 will be the same as the date of the European Parliamentary elections, ie 22 May 2014.

Schedule 12 of The Local Government Act 1972 requires that in a year of ordinary elections of councillors to the Council, the Annual Meeting of a principal council shall be held on the eighth day after the day of retirement of councillors or such other day within the twenty-one days immediately following the day of retirement as the council may fix.

It has been the practice of the Council to hold its Annual Meeting 14 days after a local election. It is therefore proposed that the date of the Annual Council meeting in 2014 be changed from 15 May to 5 June 2014.

As a consequence, it is proposed that the various appointments made to committees/sub committees for the 2013/14 municipal year continue until 5 June 2014 and that the Head of Law and Governance, in consultation with the relevant Chair, convene any additional meetings of committees/sub committees that may be required prior to the rescheduled Annual Council meeting but are not included in the 2013/14 programme of meetings, for example meeting(s) of the Planning Committee.

1.6 Decision options:

The Council can:

- (i) Agree the recommendation as set out in section 1.2.
- (ii) Agree an alternative date for the Annual Council meeting.

1.7 Reasons for recommended option:

To enable the Annual Council meeting to be held within the time limits specified in section 1.5 above and to allow sufficient time following the election to comply with Access to Information legislation regarding the publication of the agenda and reports for the meeting.

1.8 Appendices:

None.

1.9 Contact officers:

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1.10 Background information:

The following background papers/information have been used in the compilation of this report and are available at the office of the author:

The Local Elections (Ordinary Day of Elections in 2014) Order 2013
North Tyneside Council Constitution

PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING

2.1 Finance and other resources

There are no issues directly arising from this report.

2.2 Legal

A change to the date of the Annual Council meeting in 2014 is required following the making of The Local Elections (Ordinary Day of Elections in 2014) Order 2013, as referred to in section 1.5 of the report.

2.3 Consultation/community engagement

Consultation has been undertaken with the Elected Mayor, Group Leaders, Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer.

2.4 Human rights

There are no human rights implications arising directly from this report.

2.5 Equalities and diversity

There are no equalities and diversity implications arising directly from this report.

2.6 Risk management

As the recommendation is procedural and a recognised part of the business of the Council, no further risk assessment has been undertaken.

2.7 Crime and disorder

There are no direct crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

2.8 Environment and sustainability

There are no direct environment and sustainability implications arising from this report.

PART 3 - SIGN OFF

- Chief Executive X
- Chief Finance Officer X
- Monitoring Officer X
- Strategic Manager,
Policy, Partnerships,
Performance and Communications X