

Amendment to the Calendar of Meetings 2024-27

Annual Council	28 March 2024
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Status	For Decision
Classification:	Unrestricted
Key Decision	Yes
Ward:	Thanet Wide

Executive Summary:

The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel has requested that the meeting of the Panel on the 18 April be moved to the 16 April, as a number of Councillors cannot attend the meeting.

Recommendation(s):

That Council agrees to move the date of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel meeting from the 18 April to 16 April.

Corporate Implications

Financial and Value for Money

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Legal

There are no particular legal implications arising directly from this report. The functions that are the subject of this report are for Council to decide. It is usual for the calendar of meetings to be decided at the annual meeting of Full Council but there is nothing to prevent the Calendar being determined at the proposed time as recommended in this report.

Corporate

In order to enable the efficient administration of council business and delivery of council services, there needs to be planned activities that cover the period of a municipal/financial year. Planned schedule of meetings advises both officers and Members on when to carry out given council activities and to that end enhances the decision making process..

Equality Act 2010 & Public Sector Equality Duty

Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to the aims of the Duty at the time the decision is taken. The aims of the Duty are: (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it, and (iii) foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.

Protected characteristics: age, sex, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy & maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage & civil partnership.

This report relates to the following aim of the equality duty: -
(Delete as appropriate)

- To eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act.
- To advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it
- To foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.

There are no equity and equality issues arising directly from this report but the Council needs to retain a strong focus and understanding on issues of diversity amongst the local community and ensure service delivery matches these.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

This report relates to the following corporate priorities: -

- To work efficiently for you.

1.0 Introduction and Background

1.1 Full Council is the correct body to agree the calendar of meetings. The Chair of a Committee may call extraordinary meetings of a committee, but they do not have the power to move a regular meeting of their committee, as a result any request to move an ordinary committee needs to come before Full Council to make a decision.

2.0 The Current Situation

2.1 The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel has requested that the meeting of the Panel on the 18 April be moved to the 16 April, as a number of Councillors cannot attend the meeting. This report allows Council the opportunity to approve this request.

3.0 Options

3.1 That Council agrees to move the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel from 18 April to 16 April.

3.2 That Full Council makes no changes to the calendar.

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Annex List

None

Background Papers

None

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