

Amendment to the Calendar of Meetings 2024-27

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Cabinet Portfolio Member	Councillor Yates, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services
Key Decision	no
Decision classification	Unrestricted
Call in status	n/a
Ward:	Thanet Wide

Purpose of the Report

Officers have requested for an additional Planning Committee meeting on 26 June 2024 in order to expedite additional planning applications workload that should be finalised in the first half of 2024.

Recommendation(s):

That Council agrees to add to the calendar of meetings 26 June 2024 as a new meeting date of the Planning Committee.

1. Summary of Reasons

- 1.1 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.

2. Background

- 2.1 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.

3. Relevant Issues

- 3.1 A request has been forwarded to Democratic Services by the Planning Department asking for an additional meeting to the Council's calendar of meetings. This is in order to expedite additional planning applications workload that has been identified by the Department. Currently the department has around 40 applications scheduled to be reported to the Planning Committee over the next 3 months depending on officer recommendations, including major planning applications. Therefore the additional planning committee meeting will allow the reporting of applications without overburdening individual meetings with an excessive number of applications to be determined.

4. Alternative Options

- 4.1 That Council agrees to add to the calendar of meetings 26 June 2024 as an additional meeting date of the Planning Committee.
- 4.2 That Full Council makes no changes to the calendar.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 The subject matter does not require a formal consultation as this is part of the Council organising its internal work processes.

6. Corporate Implications

6.1 Finance and Resources

- 6.1.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

6.2 Legal and Constitutional

- 6.2.1 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.

6.3 Council Policies and Priorities

- 6.3.1 This report relates to the following corporate priorities: -
- To work efficiently for you

6.4 Risk

- 6.4.1 There are no risk implications arising directly from this report.

6.5 Climate Change and Biodiversity

- 6.5.1 There are no climate change and biodiversity implications arising directly from this report.

7. Equality, Equity and Diversity Implications

- 7.1 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.

8. Crime and Disorder Implications and Community impact

- 8.1 There are no crime and disorder implications nor community impact arising from this directly from this report.

Subject History

At each Annual Council meeting, the Council can adopt or update its work programme. Historically Thanet District Council agrees on a multi year calendar of meetings. Since the calendar of meetings for 2024/27 was agreed at Full Council on 22 February 2024, this report is only seeking support for making an amendment that requires adding one more Planning Committee meeting to the calendar.

Appendices

None

Background Papers

None

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