

COUNCIL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Changes to the Timetable of Meetings for Budget Council

1 June 2023

Report of Senior Manager, Democratic Support and Elections

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The report seeks approval for changes to the timetable in February 2024, as set out in the report.

This report is public.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. That the Committee approves the following changes to dates in the Committee timetable in the lead up to budget setting for the 2024/25 municipal year:**
 - a) To move the Budget Council meeting back from 21 February 2024 to 28 February 2024;**
 - b) To bring forward the 27 February 2024 meeting of Cabinet forward to 20 February 2024;**
 - c) An additional Budget and Performance Panel meeting to be held on 14 February 2024**

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1** The Chief Financial Officer has reviewed the dates on the timetable leading up to budget setting in February 2024.

2.0 Proposal

- 2.1** The current date for Budget Council is 21 February 2024 and the preferred date, to allow more time, is 28 February 2024.
- 2.2** Holding the Cabinet meeting on 20 February would allow time to receive and consider feedback and make any revisions before reporting to Council on 28 February and would negate the need for the Cabinet meeting scheduled for 27 February 2024.

2.3 The scheduled Budget and Performance Panel meeting on 31 January 2024 is for stakeholder and public consultation and the purpose of holding an extra meeting on 14 February 2024 would be to report on the strategies (Treasury Management and Capital Strategy).

3.0 Conclusion

3.1 Committee Members are asked to consider the request to make the changes detailed above to the budget-setting schedule to allow more time for consultation, feedback and consideration of the budget for 2024/25.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT

(Including Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)

None identified.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None identified.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None identified.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

These changes have been requested by the s151 officer in his capacity as Chief Finance Officer.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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