

## **Report to Council**

**Subject:** Timing of Council Meetings

**Date:** 12 September 2013

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### **1. Purpose of the Report**

To enable Council to consider changing the start time of Council meetings following a request from the Labour Group.

### **2. Background**

Members will recall that the attached report was presented to the Council meeting on 10 July 2013 inviting Council to consider reviewing the start time of meetings. In view of the operation of Standing Order 29, consideration of the report was adjourned without further discussion.

### **3. Recommendation**

To authorise the Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer to amend Standing Order 1.07 of the Constitution so that meetings of Council will begin at 6.00 pm.

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### **2. Background**

Standing Order 1.07 of the Procedural Standing Orders states that:

*“The Annual Meeting and other meetings of the Council for the transaction of general business shall be held at 6.45pm.”*

### **3. Proposal**

- 3.1 Council is asked to consider changing the start time of Council meetings from 6.45 pm to an earlier time of 6.00 pm.
- 3.2 To implement a change of start time for Council meetings the Constitution will need to be amended. It is therefore proposed that Standing Order 1.07 is amended as follows:-

*“The Annual Meeting and other meetings of the Council for the transaction of general business shall be held at 6.00 pm.”*

- 3.3 The proposed changes fall within Standing Order 29 which states:

*“29. Variation and Revocation of the Constitution*

*Any motion to add to, vary or revoke the Articles of the Constitution, Procedural Standing Orders, Standing Orders relating to Contracts, Standing Orders for Dealings with Land and Standing Orders relating to staff except for the amendment of financial limits and other amendments*

*appropriate to give effect to changes in officers' duties, responsibilities and titles, shall, when proposed and seconded, stand adjourned without disclosure to the next ordinary meeting of the Council."*

Consequently, these changes cannot be agreed straightaway and would need to be held over to the next meeting.

#### **4. Resource Implications**

There are no direct resource implications arising from this report.

#### **5. Recommendation**

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