

Croydon Council

REPORT TO:	General Purposes and Audit Committee 25 June 2014
AGENDA ITEM:	14
SUBJECT:	Change of Meeting dates and related matters
LEAD OFFICER:	Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer
WARDS:	All
CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT: To facilitate the democratic process following changes at the Annual Council meeting.	
FINANCIAL SUMMARY: There are no financial implications arising from this report.	
FORWARD PLAN KEY DECISION REFERENCE NO.: Not an executive decision	

For general release

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Committee is asked
 - 1.1 To approve on behalf of the Council a revised date of 15 July 2014 for the Ordinary Council Meeting:
 - 1.2 To approve the dates for the General Purposes and Audit Committee for the 2014/15 municipal year: and
 - 1.3 To note the amendments to appointments made at Annual Council.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2.1 In June 2013 Members (CSC min ref A78/13) approved the schedule of Full Council meeting dates for 2014/15.

2.2 Committee is asked to consider on behalf of the Council the change of date for the July 2014 Ordinary Council meeting from the 7th July to 15th July. This alteration will ensure that any recommendations from Cabinet or Committee are dealt with prior to the recess.

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2.3 The Committee is asked to approve meeting dates for the 2014/15 municipal year for this Committee. The dates are listed in paragraph 3.2 of this report.

Amendments to Appointments

- 2.4 Following Annual Council held on 3rd June 2014 there are a number of appointments to be amended. The Committee is asked to approve these on behalf of Full Council. These are listed in paragraph 3.3 of this report.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 Following the change of date for the local elections from 1 May 2014 to 22 May 2014 and the consequence of the Annual Council meeting being held on 3 June there are a number of outstanding issues regarding appointments that require approval by this Committee. In order to finalise these Committee is asked to agree a change in date of the July Council meeting from 7th July to 15th July. This will allow for further changes to be made and for Cabinet and Committee to report to Council prior to the recess.

- 3.2 The Committee is asked to agree future dates of the General Purposes and Audit Committee of:-

17 September 2014

5 November 2014

28 January 2015

25 March 2015

- 3.3 The Committee is asked to approve on behalf of Full Council the following amendments to the Blue list circulated at Annual Council held on 3rd June

Section 6b – General Purposes and Audit Committee

To note the increase in the independent non-voting members from one to two as previously agreed by the Audit Advisory Committee (Min ref A32/13 refers)
Add Mr Pawel Krzemienski

Section 6g – Pension Committee

Change Minority Group to be appointed to 3 – Add Councillor Jan Buttinger.

Section 6k – Scrutiny Children and Young People Sub-Committee.

Add Councillor Mario Creatura as the third nomination from the Minority group;
Add Councillor James Thompson as the third reserve member from the Minority Group.

Section 6l – Scrutiny Health, Social Care and Housing Sub-Committee

Majority Group to be appointed reduced to 4
Delete Councillor Pat Clouder.

South West London Joint Health Overview Scrutiny Committee

Delete Councillor Sean Fitzsimons and add Councillor Lynne Hale.

Amendments to the Pink list

Mitcham Common Conservators – Add Councillor Chris Wright.

4. RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 There has been consultation with some Members on the date proposed in this report.

5. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 5.1 Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires the Council to hold an Annual meeting and such other meetings as it may determine. Part 4A of the Council's Constitution provides:

3.01 Seven meetings of the Council, including the Annual and Council Tax Meetings, shall be scheduled to be held at the Town Hall, Croydon, on such dates as the General Purposes and Audit Committee may agree on behalf of the Council and occasionally as the Mayor shall direct during each Council Year.

The changes do not affect the Council decision on proportionality.

6. EQUALITIES IMPACT

- 6.1 Consideration to the timing of school holiday dates has been made when setting the proposed dates. Caring responsibilities of Members and staff impact on their ability to attend meetings during school holidays.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AND CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPACT

- 7.1 None arising from this report.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

None