

## **COUNCIL MEETING – 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022**

### **CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2022-23**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That**

- 1. the draft Calendar of Meetings for Cheshire East Council for 2022-23 be approved subject to the following:**
  - meetings of the Audit and Governance Committee commencing at 10.30am on the stated meeting dates, except for 29<sup>th</sup> September and 24<sup>th</sup> November, when the start-time will be 2.00pm;**
  - subject to the agreement of external partner organisations where appropriate, the meeting of the Shared Services Joint Committee and planning site-visits currently scheduled to take place on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023 being rescheduled to avoid Holocaust Memorial Day;**
  - the Constitution Working Group giving consideration, prior to the 2023 elections, to the question of whether some formal meetings should be “twilight” or evening meetings; and**
  - the Constitution Working Group giving consideration, prior to the preparation of the Calendar of Meetings for 2023, to the question of whether it would be appropriate to introduce a standard commencement time of 10.00 am for all morning meetings of formal bodies; and**
- 2. the draft Calendar of Meetings for the period of May to October 2023 be noted.**

**[Note: the Calendar of Meetings for 2022-23, as appended to the attached report, has been amended to include the changes to the start times for Audit and Governance Committee]**

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Extract from the Minutes of the Corporate Policy Committee meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022

#### **75 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2022-23**

The Committee considered the draft Calendar of Meetings for Cheshire East Council for the 2022-23 Municipal Year for recommendation to full Council. The Calendar had been shared with the Group Leaders, Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees.

The Committee also considered a provisional draft calendar of dates for the period May to October 2023 which was intended to assist members in planning their diaries further ahead. It was proposed that from 2023 onwards an 18-month calendar of meetings would be produced.

The Head of Democratic Services and Governance advised that since the report had been published, the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee had asked that meetings of the Committee be moved from 2.00 pm to 10.30 am. This had been accommodated in some but not all cases, owing to clashes with other meetings.

In response to a question from members, the Head of Democratic Services and Governance confirmed that the draft calendar avoided any clashes with meetings of the Police and Crime Panel and the Cheshire Pension Fund Committee.

**RESOLVED:** That

- 1 the draft Calendar of Meetings for Cheshire East Council 2022-23, be recommended to Council for approval subject to the following:
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- 2 the draft Calendar of Meetings for the period of May to October 2023, be recommended to Council for noting.