

WIRRAL COUNCIL

ANNUAL COUNCIL – 20 MAY 2013

SUBJECT:	REVISIONS TO THE COMMITTEE CALENDAR FOR MUNICIPAL YEAR 2013/14
WARD/S AFFECTED:	All Wards
REPORT OF:	STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF TRANSFORMATION AND RESOURCES
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 Following revisions to the Constitution, including changes to scrutiny arrangements and the introduction of Constituency Committees, this report recommends some revisions to dates for Committee meetings for the municipal year 2013/2014. The proposed revised calendar is set out in Appendix A.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 2.1 Four Policy and Performance Committees, discharging the functions of overview and scrutiny, will meet at least four times a year with additional meetings to scrutinise the issues arising from the budget consultation process.
- 2.2 The four Constituency Committees will meet at least four times a year with an inaugural meeting for each in July.

3.0 RELEVANT RISKS

3.1 With the revisions to the Constitution, as agreed by Council on 30 April, there is a requirement to revise the Committee calendar for 2013/14 taking into account the establishment of four new Policy and Performance Committees and four new Constituency Committees.

4.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4.1 No other options were considered beyond those outlined in the report.

5.0 CONSULTATION

5.1 It is for the Council to approve the revised draft committee calendar for 2013/14.

6.0 OUTSTANDING PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ACTIONS

6.1 There are no outstanding previous actions.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

7.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

8.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS

8.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

9.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

10.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Has the potential impact of your proposal(s) been reviewed with regard to equality?

Yes and the impact review was sent to the Equality and Diversity Co-ordinator with the previous report on the Committee Calendar (Cabinet – 24 January, 2013)

10.2 The scheduling of meetings may have implications for carers and families, depending upon individual circumstances (and for that reason a carer's allowance has been included in the Members' Allowances Scheme), but none specifically for older people, people with disabilities and those from ethnic minorities.

11.0 CARBON REDUCTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

12.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

12.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

13.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

13.1 That the revised calendar of meetings for the municipal year 2013/2014, attached as Appendix A, be approved.

14.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

14.1 The calendar has been prepared on the basis that in 2013/2014 there will be the same number of Regulatory Committees. Four new Scrutiny Committees will meet at least four times through the year.

14.2 In addition to the Council, Cabinet and Standing Committees, dates have been set aside for pre-Council group meetings.

14.3 Dates have also been included in the calendar for Member training.

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APPENDICES

Revised Draft Calendar of meetings

BACKGROUND PAPERS/REFERENCE MATERIAL

Previous reports on the draft Committee Calendar and previous calendars of meetings

BRIEFING NOTES HISTORY

Briefing Note	Date

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Council	30 April 2013
Cabinet (minute 172)	24 January 2013
Cabinet (minute 425)	12 April 2012
Cabinet (minute 351)	17 March 2011
Cabinet (minute 360)	18 March 2010