

COUNCIL

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REPORT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

A.3 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS: 2015/2016 MUNICIPAL YEAR

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PART 1 – KEY INFORMATION

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To enable Council to give consideration to proposed amendments to the programme of meetings for the 2015/2016 Municipal Year, previously agreed at the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 26 May 2015.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report will enable Council to agree a proposed change of dates for the Annual Meeting of the Council, due to be held on Tuesday 3 May 2016, and the ordinary meeting of the Council, due to be held on Tuesday 24 May 2016. There will need to be a consequential move for the meeting of the Planning Committee, which is due to be held on Tuesday 17 May 2016.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that the agreed dates of the Annual and Ordinary Meetings of the Council and its Planning Committee, scheduled to be held in May 2016, be amended, as follows:

- (a) The date of the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2016 be changed from Tuesday 3 May 2016 to Tuesday 26 April 2016;**
- (b) The date of the ordinary meeting of the Council in May 2016 be changed from Tuesday 24 May 2016 to Tuesday 17 May 2016; and**
- (c) The date of the meeting of the Planning Committee in May 2016 be changed from Tuesday 17 May 2016 to Wednesday 18 May 2016.**

PART 2 – SUPPORTING INFORMATION

BACKGROUND

Further to Minute No.16 of the Annual Meeting of the Council, held on 26 May 2015, the Chief Executive is proposing certain amendments to the agreed programme of meetings for 2015/2016 for the reasons detailed below:

Members will be aware that the election for the Essex Police and Crime Commissioner will be held on Thursday 5 May 2016. As a consequence, the Princes Theatre will be required in the days leading up to the election for the opening of postal votes and therefore, it is proposed that the Annual Meeting of the Council is brought forward by one week to avoid the busy election period.

Members may also recall that, earlier this year, the Tendring Youth Theatre had put on a production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat", which was a great box office success (£15k) and received glowing reviews. The Council has been informed that the Tendring Youth Theatre wishes to use the Princes Theatre for the week commencing Saturday 21 May 2016 for its performance of "Legally Blonde", which will entail a large cast of very talented local children who will benefit from the experience in terms of greater self-confidence, communication and other personal development skills. This would clash with the ordinary meeting of the Council due to be held on Tuesday 24 May 2016.

However, to avoid disruption to the production and disappointment for the children involved, it is proposed that the 24 May 2016 Council meeting be brought forward to 17 May 2016. Given the earlier suggestion of bringing forward the Annual Meeting of the Council by a week this will also ensure that the Council complies with Council Procedure Rule 2 which states, inter alia, "...shall ensure that the first ordinary meeting is held within 15 working days of the annual meeting of the Council....".

This change would have a knock-on effect on the Planning Committee scheduled for Tuesday 17 May 2016 which it is proposed will be moved to Wednesday 18 May 2016.

These meetings of the Council will still commence at 7.30 p.m. and will be held in the Princes Theatre at the Town Hall. The Planning Committee meeting will still commence at 6.00 p.m. and will be held in the Council Chamber, at the Council Offices, Weeley.

BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR THE DECISION

None.

APPENDICES

None
