

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL23 MARCH 2016Report by Deputy Chief ExecutiveCALENDAR OF MEETINGS –
AMENDMENTS TO 2016 CALENDAR**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To seek approval for amendments to the 2016 meetings calendar.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That the Council approve the further amendments to the 2016 meetings calendar.

BACKGROUND

3. In terms of the Council's Standing Orders, it is necessary for the full Council to approve the calendar of meetings of the Council, subject to the ability of committees to revise dates thereafter.

4. Members will recall that changes have already been made to the 2016 meetings calendar to recognise the involvement of Committee Services staff in the organisation and delivery of electoral events in East Renfrewshire, most notably this year the Scottish Parliament elections in May. However, in addition to this the Prime Minister has now announced 23 June 2016 as the date for the referendum on the UK's membership of the EU.

REPORT

5. There are 2 meetings scheduled around that date which will be impacted by the date of the referendum. These are the Licensing Committee and the full Council.

6. Following consultation with the Leader of the Council, it is proposed to move these meetings to the week commencing 13 June 2016, with the Licensing Committee taking place on Tuesday 14 June whilst the Council will meet on Wednesday 15 June.

7. Both of these meetings would normally take place in the Council Chamber but the Chamber and Members' Lounge will be in use for postal voting at that time. As a result, the Licensing Committee will take place instead in the Committee Room, whilst the Council meeting will take place in the **Council Offices in Barrhead**.

Additional Meetings

8. In addition to the above, it is proposed that an additional meeting of the Cabinet be held on Thursday 16 June. The purpose of this meeting will be to consider the strategic year end performance report. This meeting will take place in the **Council Offices in Barrhead**.

9. Furthermore, Members will recall that last year a new timetable for the approval of the annual accounts was introduced, leading to the requirement for a special meeting of the Council to be convened after the September meeting of the Audit & Scrutiny Committee. A similar arrangement will be required this year and it is proposed that a special meeting of the Council be held on Thursday 29 September at 4.30 pm, or if later, 15 minutes after the conclusion of the Audit & Scrutiny Committee taking place that day.

RECOMMENDATION

10. That the Council approve the further amendments to the 2016 meetings calendar.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

Background Papers - None

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