

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL14 December 2022Report by Director of Business Operations and PartnershipsCHANGE TO COUNCIL MEETING TIME**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To propose a change to the timing of those meetings of the Council that normally take place at 7pm.

**RECOMMENDATION**

2. That those meetings of the Council that were scheduled to start at 7pm start at 5pm in future.

**REPORT**

3. In terms of Standing Orders, meetings of the Council shall be held in accordance with the calendar of meetings approved by the Council, or at such other place or time as the Council or the Deputy Chief Executive (now Director of Business Operations and Partnerships) in consultation with the Provost, may specify.

4. The currently approved calendar of meetings has meetings of the Council taking place at 7pm on Wednesday, with the exception of the budget meeting which takes place at 10am on Thursday.

5. Recent meetings of the Council have become lengthy. To mitigate the late finish it is proposed to start meetings earlier at 5pm. As a result, even with meetings of an extended duration, they should still finish at a reasonable time. If approved, as the meeting of the Council on 1 March is the budget meeting at 10am on Thursday, the first meeting where the time will change will be the meeting on Wednesday 26 April 2023.

**RECOMMENDATION**

6. That those meetings of the Council that were scheduled to start at 7pm start at 5pm in future.

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Background papers - None

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