London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham

COUNCIL



24 February 2016

Changes to the Council Calendar

Report of the Leader of the Council - Councillor Stephen Cowan

Open Report

Classification: For Decision **Key Decision:** No

Wards Affected: All

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1. The Full Council meeting scheduled on Wednesday 26 October 2016 falls during school holidays. This reports seeks approval to move the meeting to Wednesday 19 October 2016 to allow Members and officers time off with their families, where required.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the meetings published in the Council calendar be held on the following new dates:
 - Cabinet Monday 10th October 2016
 - Conservative Group Wednesday 12th October
 - Labour Group Monday 17th October
 - Full Council Wednesday 19th October 2016

3. REASONS FOR DECISION

3.1 The Council has the power to change the date of its meetings.

4. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

4.1 The Council calendar of meetings was agreed in June 2014. It has subsequently been noticed that the Full Council meeting scheduled on

Wednesday 26 October 2016 falls during school holidays. It is proposed that the meeting be moved to Wednesday 19 October 2016. In order to accommodate this change, the following meetings will also be moved:-

- Cabinet from 17th October to 10th October
- Conservative Group from 19th October to 12th October
- Labour Group from 24th October to 17th October

5. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 A date outside the school holidays is considered to be more accessible to councillors and officers with caring/dependency responsibilities. The equalities implications of this decision has been considered to be neutral.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The Council may hold its meetings at such hour, on such days and at such a place as the Council may determine. This change allows the Council to continue to carry out its business lawfully.
- 6.2 Implications verified by: Tasnim Shawkat, Director of Law (020 8753 2700)

7 FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no direct financial implications.
- 8.1 Implications verified/completed by: Kayode Adewumi, Head of Governance and Scrutiny (020 8753 2499)

8 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 9.1 There are no significant risk management implications for this report.
- 9.2 Implications verified/completed by: Kayode Adewumi, Head of Governance and Scrutiny (020 8753 2499)

9 PROCUREMENT AND IT STRATEGY IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 There are no procurement of IT strategy implications.
- 10.2 Implications verified/completed by: Kayode Adewumi, Head of Governance and Scrutiny (020 8753 2499)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT

None.