



Subject:	Date of Annual Meeting of Council and Committee Schedule for April
Date:	25 th January, 2019
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Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To decide on a date for the Annual Council Meeting in May, 2019To consider cancelling Working Group Meetings in April, 2019
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is recommended to: <ol style="list-style-type: none">Agree that the Annual Meeting of the Council will be held at 6.00pm on Tuesday 21st May.To agree to cancel the Area-Based Working Group meetings and Party Briefings scheduled for April and to request that other Working Group meetings are also cancelled for that month.

3.0	Main report
	<p data-bbox="272 192 421 226"><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 293 1453 472">3.1 The Annual meeting of the Council, under the provisions of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014, must be held within 21 days from the day of the local election. As polling day will be on Thursday, 2nd May, the Annual meeting must be held no later than 23rd May.</p> <p data-bbox="165 544 1442 779">3.2 There is a significant amount of work which will be required to be undertaken immediately after the election to sort out the governance arrangements, including the nominations for Positions of Responsibility, the appointment of Committees etc. and it is anticipated that this work will continue up until 15th or 16th May. It is suggested, therefore, that the Annual meeting is held on Tuesday 21st May at 6.00pm.</p> <p data-bbox="165 846 1445 1032">3.3 It is accepted that all political parties will be extremely busy with canvassing in the lead up to polling day, and particularly during the month of April. It will be necessary to continue with the Standing Committees in that month and the Committee has already agreed that the May Council meeting will be brought forward to Monday, 29th April.</p> <p data-bbox="165 1099 1347 1182">3.4 There are a number of Working Group meetings scheduled to be held in April (see Appendix 1). It is suggested that the Committee:</p> <ul data-bbox="323 1249 1445 1798" style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree to cancel the scheduled meetings of the Area-Based Working Groups in April; • Agree to cancel the Party Group Briefings scheduled for April; • Agree that the meeting of the Budget and Transformation Panel scheduled for 4th April will only take place if essential; • Request the People and Communities Committee to cancel the meeting of the Strategic Cemeteries and Crematorium Development Working Group on 15th April; • Request the Shared City Partnership and the Board of Active Belfast Ltd. to consider cancelling their scheduled meetings for April; and • Request the Policing and Community Safety Partnership not to schedule any meetings for April. <p data-bbox="272 1865 719 1899"><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 1910 699 1944">3.5 None associated with this report</p>

	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>
3.6	None associated with this report
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – Draft meeting schedule for April, 2019