

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS
ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 20th MAY 2015
REVISED CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2015/16
REPORT OF THE SERVICE HEAD, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report proposes a revised calendar of Council, committee and other meetings for the forthcoming municipal year, taking into account changes pursuant to the timetable for the Mayoral and Stepney Green ward elections on 11th June 2015.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Council approve the proposed revised calendar of meetings for the municipal year 2015/16 as set out at Appendix A.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Council Procedure Rules provide for the Council to agree a programme of meetings for each municipal year. This is normally done at the last ordinary meeting of the Council in each municipal year and there is provision for the calendar to be revised subsequently at the Annual meeting if necessary.
- 3.2 A calendar of Council, committee and other meetings for 2015/16 was agreed at the ordinary Council meeting on 15th April 2015. Subsequently on 23rd April however, the Election Court declared vacant the positions of Mayor of Tower Hamlets and a Councillor for Stepney Green ward.
- 3.3 Elections for those two vacant positions will be held on 11th June 2015. The attached revised calendar of meetings takes account of changes required to accommodate the pre-election period and timetable for the combined election. The opportunity has also been taken to include in the calendar dates for additional bodies that have been established in recent weeks including the DCLG Commissioners' Best Value Programme Review Board; and to adjust a number of other dates in response to member comments.
- 3.4 The changes to the calendar previously agreed by the Council on 15th April are as follows:-
- Provisional date for re-convened Annual Council Meeting – 24th June 2015

- Cabinet 24th June 2015 meeting moved to 8th July
- Overview and Scrutiny Committee 23rd June 2015 meeting moved to 7th July
- General Purposes Committee 24th June 2015 meeting moved to 1st July
- Standards Advisory Committee 2nd June 2015 meeting moved to 7th July
- Licensing Committee 9th June 2015 meeting moved to 21st July
- Health Scrutiny Panel 10th June 2015 meeting moved to 15th July
- Pensions Board/Pensions Committee 11th June 2015 meetings moved to 23rd July
- Appeals Committee 15th June 2015 meeting to be rearranged (date TBC)
- Development Committee 19th June 2015 meeting moved to 16th June
- Audit Committee 30th June 2015 meeting moved to 21st July
- Human Resources Committee 1st July 2015 meeting moved to 16th July
- Strategic Development Committee 16th July 2015 meeting moved to 21st July

3.5 In addition the proposed dates for meetings of the Tower Hamlets Health and Wellbeing Board and the Employee Appeals Sub-Committee throughout the year have been adjusted.

3.6 The changes that have been necessary as a result of the elections do mean that the late June to late July 2015 period is particularly busy in the calendar. It has unfortunately been necessary to cancel the proposed member development date for July and ad hoc training will be arranged for regulatory committee members and others as required.

4. Observations of the Chief Financial Officer

4.1 There are no specific financial comments arising from this report.

5. Legal Comments

5.1 There are no immediate legal implications arising from this report.

6. Implications for One Tower Hamlets

6.1 In drawing up this schedule of meetings, consideration has been given where possible to avoiding school holidays, known religious holidays and other dates which could inhibit attendance or participation by one or more section(s) of the borough's community.

7. Anti-Poverty Implications

7.1 There are no anti-poverty implications arising from the proposals in this report.

8. Risk Management Implications

8.1 The Council needs to have in place a programme of meetings to ensure effective and efficient decision-making arrangements.

9. Strategic Action for a Greener Environment

9.1 No implications arising from this report.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (SECTION 100D)

LIST OF "BACKGROUND PAPERS" USED IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT

Brief description of "background paper"	Name and telephone number of holder and address where open to inspection
None.	