

<b>COUNCIL</b>	AGENDA ITEM 16(c)
<b>5 DECEMBER 2012</b>	<b>PUBLIC REPORT</b>

**ADDITIONAL MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL – 30 JANUARY 2013**

<b>R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S</b>
<b>FROM : Solicitor to the Council</b>
That Council:  Agrees for an additional ordinary meeting of Council to be held on 30 January 2013.

**1. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT**

1.1 This report is submitted to Council to agree that an additional ordinary meeting of Council be held in January 2013 in order that additional items of business, including the approval of the Localised Council Tax support scheme, that are time critical but not able to be considered at this meeting, can be dealt with within designated time periods.

**2. BACKGROUND (& CONSULTATION)**

2.1 The Council is required to implement a Localised Council Tax support scheme for the 2013/14 financial year. Consultation on the proposed scheme was launched by Cabinet at their meeting of 24 September and was considered by Sustainable Growth and Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee at their meeting of at their meeting of 8 November.

2.2 The scheme requires approval by Full Council by the end of January 2013. As a result it cannot be considered as part of the budget setting meeting in February. Currently some of the guidance that will determine how final proposals are implemented has not been released by the department for Communities and Local Government (CLG). Also the level of grant that the Council will receive to support such a scheme will only be announced as part of the local government finance settlement that is expected in late December. The scheme can only be finalised when we have this information. As such it will not be possible to bring to the December Council meeting.

2.3 Consideration was given to a proposal to postpone this December meeting of full Council until January and deal with all business items in one meeting. However, the nature and timescales for some of the items on this meeting's agenda meant that it was not possible to delay them until January and therefore the December meeting could not be postponed. This resulted in the need for an additional meeting in January 2013.

2.4 The Cabinet report outlined the timescales for approval that were being determined by CLG, and that it may necessitate changes to the current meetings schedule. Given the CLG requirements, Wednesday 30 January was chosen as the most suitable date for the additional meeting.

**3. IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 An additional meeting of full Council will be held on 30 January 2013.

**4. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

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None.

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