

REPORT TO PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL

1st August 2023

AGENDA ITEM 9.6 PROGRAMME OF COUNCIL MEETINGS 2023-24

1 REPORT OF CHAIR

- 1.1 At the May 2023 meeting a provisional programme of ordinary meetings for 2023-24 was agreed with a proviso that it would be reviewed at a later date. At the July 2023 meeting it was agreed that a new schedule would be put in place to elucidate if there would be more engagement if a different day of the week was selected for ordinary meetings.
- 1.2 The month of December is understood to be particularly busy for residents therefore it was suggested that council might want to consider moving that meeting forward by 1 week.
- 1.3 Currently not all meetings have a Councillors surgery starting at 7.00pm.
- 1.4 The new proposed dates are therefore proposed:
 - 5th September – with Councillors' Surgery at 7.00 p.m.
 - 4th October – with Councillors' Surgery at 7.00 p.m.
 - 7th November – with Councillors' Surgery at 7.00 p.m.
 - 29th November – with Councillors' Surgery at 7.00 p.m.
 - No January 2024 meeting
 - 6th February 2024 – with Councillors' Surgery at 7.00 p.m.
 - 6th March 2024 – with Councillors' Surgery at 7.00 p.m.
 - 2nd April – with Councillors' Surgery at 7.00 p.m.
 - 8th May 2024

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the programme of meetings be approved.
- 2.2 That attendance records are maintained to see if alternating the day of the meeting increases overall attendance at meetings and the number of people who attend one or more meetings.
- 2.3 That the majority of meetings have a councillors' surgery prior to the main meeting,