

MISCELLANEOUS ITEM

**PLANNING COMMITTEE
26 February 2015**

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE
PLANNING COMMITTEE
Head of Development Management**

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To agree the date of the next meeting of the Committee.

2 RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 **That Member's agree that the next meeting of the Planning Committee be re-scheduled from Thursday 2 April 2015 to Wednesday 1 April 2015.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The re-arranged Committee date falls on Maundy Thursday (2 April 2015). When this has occurred in previous years the Committee day has been brought forward to the Wednesday preceding the Easter break.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 Leave the Committee at the 2 April with the risk to delays in the issue of decisions and potential complaints from applicants, particularly in relation to the need to pay CIL contributions.
- 4.2 Revert the Committee back to 26 March.
- 4.3 Sought an alternative date to either 2 April or 26 March but the Council Chamber was found to be unavailable on any suitable alternative date.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 At the meeting of the Committee on the 17 July, Members agreed to a request from the Chairman that the meeting scheduled on 26 March 2015 be rescheduled to take place on 2 April 2015. However, moving the Committee to this date gives rise to several problems:
- As the Committee falls on Maundy Thursday there would be a delay in the issue of decisions until after the Easter Break until 6 April and;

- the Council on the 25 February is considering a recommendation to introduce the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) on the 6 April, if that date is confirmed then planning permissions issued on or after the 6 April will be subject to the relevant charges unless exempt.

5.2 In the past when the Committee cycle fell upon Maundy Thursday, the day of the Committee has been moved to the Wednesday and in this instance this would mean the Planning Committee moving to 1 April 2015.

6. ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

6.1 Not sought.

Borough Treasurer

6.2 No financial implications so advice not sought.

Equalities Impact Assessment

6.3 Not required.

Strategic Risk Management Issues

6.4 Potential for delay leading to complaints from the applicants of date unchanged.

Other Officers

6.5 Head of Democratic Services.

7 CONSULTATION

Principal Groups Consulted

7.1 Not applicable.

Method of Consultation

7.2 Not applicable.

Representations Received

7.3 Not applicable.

Background Papers

None.

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