



**Council**

**Monday, 4 July 2022**

**Subject: Recommendation from the Governance and Audit Committee - to vary the decision made by Annual Council in respect of the starting time for future Governance and Audit Committee Meetings**

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Purpose / Summary:

To consider the recommendation from the Governance and Audit Committee.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

**That Council accept the recommendation from the Governance and Audit Committee that Minute 87 resolution (c) from the Annual Meeting of Council held on 9 May 2022, relating to the commencement time for Governance and Audit Committee, be varied, and as such Council agree that the Governance and Audit Committee meet at 10.00 am for the remainder of the civic year.**

## IMPLICATIONS

### **Legal:**

Given this recommendation seeks to vary a Council decision it is governed by Council Procedure Rule 13.1 and the recommendation can either therefore be accepted or rejected.

### **Financial : FIN/60/23/FC/EF**

No Implications arising from this report

### **Staffing :**

No Implications arising from this report

### **Equality and Diversity including Human Rights :**

No Implications arising from this report

### **Data Protection Implications :**

No Implications arising from this report

### **Climate Related Risks and Opportunities:**

No Implications arising from this report

### **Section 17 Crime and Disorder Considerations:**

No Implications arising from this report

### **Health Implications:**

No Implications arising from this report

### **Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report :**

Wherever possible please provide a hyperlink to the background paper/s  
If a document is confidential and not for public viewing it should not be listed.

### **Risk Assessment :**

**Call in and Urgency:**

**Is the decision one which Rule 14.7 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?**

i.e. is the report exempt from being called in due to urgency (in consultation with C&I chairman)

**Yes**

**No**

**Key Decision:**

A matter which affects two or more wards, or has significant financial implications

**Yes**

**No**

## 1 Introduction

- 1.1 Annual Council at its meeting on 9 May 2022 considered a report which asked Members to determine the normal commencement time of each of the Committees.

<https://democracy.west-lindsey.gov.uk/documents/s30609/Appointment%20of%20Committee%20Chairmen%20and%20Vice-Chairmen%20for%20the%20202223%20Civic%20Year%20and%20to%20agree%20the%20norm.pdf>

- 1.2 At that meeting, following a number of proposals, it was resolved that the normal commencement time for meetings of the Governance and Audit Committee would be 2pm.

- 1.3 The Constitution provides a route by which decisions, made by Council within the last six months may be varied or rescinded, as follows: -

“Rule 13.1

A motion or amendment to rescind or vary a decision made at a meeting of Council within the past six months cannot be moved unless the notice of motion is signed by at least 10 Members or upon the recommendation of a committee. Every such notice or recommendation shall refer to the resolution to be rescinded or varied.”

- 1.4 Following the decision made by Council, concern was expressed by serving Members of the Governance and Audit Committee, that the current timing of the Committee would see difficulty arise for some Members to attend, and as such the Committee considered this matter further at its meeting on 14 June.

- 1.5 Following debate the Governance and Audit at its meeting on 14 June  
**RESOLVED THAT: -**

Minute 87 resolution (c) from the Annual Meeting of Council held on 9 May 2022, relating to the commencement time for Governance and Audit Committee, be varied, and as such Council be recommended to agree that the Governance and Audit Committee meet at 10.00 am for the remainder of the civic year, as recommended by this Committee.

## 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 Council are therefore asked to consider and accept the recommendation from the Governance and Audit Committee and vary its previous decision.