## **ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING - 18 MAY 2021**

Report of the Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal and Democratic Governance)

#### 1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The Annual Council Meeting for the new municipal year 2021/22 is currently scheduled to take place on 18 May 2021. This date was previously agreed by the Council Meeting as part of the Business Programme for 2021/22, prior to the elections on 7 May 2020 being postponed and moved to 6 May 2021 (previously due to be a fallow year until the 2020 elections were cancelled).
- 1.2 In election years, it is customary to hold the Annual Council Meeting in the third week after the date of the election to provide sufficient time for discussions to take place in relation to the re-allocation of committee places.
- 1.3 It is proposed by way of this report that the Council Meeting agrees to move the Annual Council Meeting to a date, one week later, namely to 25 May 2021 to allow a longer period of time between the date of the election on 6 May 2021 and the date of the Annual Council Meeting (as would ordinarily be the case when there is an election).
- 1.4 In addition, as 2021 was previously scheduled to be a fallow year, an Informal Council Meeting had not been scheduled to take place in the week prior to the Annual Council Meeting. Accordingly, it is also proposed that this be scheduled to take place on Thursday 20 May 2021 if required.

#### 2. FINANCIAL AND RISK ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS

2.1 None.

### 3. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The decision to move the date of the Annual Council Meeting is a decision which is required to be taken by the Council Meeting.
- 4. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPACT
- 4.1 None.
- 5. EQUALITIES IMPACT
- 5.1 None.
- 6. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
- 6.1 None.

# 7. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 To note the report and agree to move the Annual Council Meeting from 18 May 2021 to 25 May 2021.
- 7.2 That approval be given to the scheduling of an Informal Council Meeting on Thursday 20 May 2021 (if required).

# **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

There are none

Anyone wishing to inspect the above background papers or requiring further information should contact Vicki Bates on Tel: 0161 474 3219 or by email on vicki.bates@stockport.gov.uk