

CONSTITUTION CHANGES

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor R. Hollingworth, Leader of the Council
Portfolio Holder Consulted	Yes
Relevant Head of Service	Claire Felton, Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services
Wards Affected	All

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

- 1.1 Council is asked to consider and approve the amendments to the Calendar of Council meetings for the Municipal Year 2012/13.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members are asked to consider and approve the amendments to the Calendar of Council meetings for the Municipal Year 2012/13**

3. KEY ISSUES

Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Legal Implications

- 3.2 There are no direct legal implications arising out of this report

Service / Operational Implications

- 3.3 Members will be aware that the Leader has suggested reducing the number of times that the Full Council meet from nine to five times per Municipal Year
- 3.4 The Monitoring Officer has been asked to report to Full Council the number of meetings that have been scheduled in previous years and the proposed reduction in order that members can debate the consequence and appropriateness of the reduction
- 3.5 Members are advised that the initial programme of meetings for 2012/13 scheduled nine meetings. The Leader is proposing that this number be reduced to five

- 3.6 Members are advised that the table below identifies the original meeting schedule in the first column and the proposed meeting schedule in the second highlighted column;

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Current Schedule 2012/13	Proposed Schedule 2012/13
18 July 2012	18 July 2012 (ordinary meeting)
12 September 2012	
26 September 2012 (Special – Accounts)	26 September 2012 (ordinary meeting)
21 November 2012	21 November 2012 (ordinary meeting)
16 January 2013	
20 February 2013 (Special – Budget/ Council Tax)	20 February 2013 (ordinary meeting)
13 March 2013	
17 April 2013	
15 May 2013 (AGM)	15 May 2013 (AGM)
Total = 9	Total = 5

Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 3.7 It is not possible for officers to determine the extent to which customers will be affected by these changes or the extent to which this will affect Ward representation – members will need to assess this in their own context. No Equality and Diversity implications have been identified.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council

18th July 2012

- 4.1 The main risk associated with the details included in this report are that there will be insufficient scheduled meetings. In this event it would be possible for members to schedule additional meetings as a when appropriate

5. APPENDICES

None

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Council's Constitution

7. KEY

N/A

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