

Proposal to move to monthly Full Council meetings.

1. Background

- 1.1. WMPC currently meet every two months. While this reduces the demand on councillors' time there are disadvantages:
- 1.2. The Council is under pressure to improve the efficiency and reduce the length of its full Council meetings which can be too long as there is too much to go through
- 1.3. Proposals may be delayed because of the two-month cycle

2. Advantages of monthly meetings

- 2.1. Easier to organise with regular published cut off dates for content
- 2.2. Create more high level decision making capacity at Full Council
- 2.3. Maintains a regular rhythm of meetings in everyone's dairies
- 2.4. Easier for members of the public to attend as the meetings are every month

3. There are some disadvantages which include

- 3.1. More demand on staff to organise
- 3.2. More demand on councillors to attend.

4. Proposal

- 4.1. To address the advantages and disadvantages the following format is recommended:
- 4.2. Finance reports are reviewed every second month following an F&GP meeting. This will mitigate additional resource demands for financial reporting.
- 4.3. Other reports such as markets, allotments, cemetery, tree work, environmental reports are also reviewed every second month alternating with finance reports.
- 4.4. Appoint a lead councillor to sponsor proposals from non-councillors arising from tree or environmental reports to the full council. This important environmental and tree work will therefore be managed by the full Council. This will improve the speed and transparency of decision making for such projects. With the work of the E&L at a higher level reflecting the importance the Council attributes to it, this working group would be redundant thus reducing the demand on Councillor resource to support it.
- 4.5. With this general format, time critical issues can be brought to the Council without the need for extra meetings.
- 4.6. This proposal includes a summer break with no meeting in August.

5. Recommendation

- 5.1. That the Council adopt the above proposal immediately with the next Full Council meeting to be scheduled for Monday 16 February 2026