

29 June 2016

Ordinary Council

Notices of Motion

Report of: Philip Ruck – Head of Paid Service

Wards Affected: All

This report is: Public

1. Executive Summary

1.1 One Notice of Motion has been submitted in accordance with Rule 3 in Part 4.1 of the Constitution - Council Procedure Rules.

1.2 Cllr Chilvers submitted the following motion:

“Politics can seem remote, irrelevant and inaccessible and we are not helping this view by holding election counts in the middle of the night with announcements about who will be representing you for the next four years made in the early hours of the morning.

In 2015, the count was done on the following Friday afternoon and nothing untoward happened as a result. The impact on the health and wellbeing of staff was also minimised as they were able to complete this work as part of a normal day and minimised risk in travelling home and to work the next day.

Therefore, this council resolves that it make a recommendation to the Returning Officer that its preference, subject to the required pre-election consultation with/by the Returning Officer, is for the timing of election counts for future local elections be moved to the Friday afternoon from 2018 and, in doing so, leads the way in encouraging people to take part in the count by inviting supervised school groups to watch part of the count as an education in how politics works and by seeing democracy in action”.

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