

Meeting: COUNCIL

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ANNUAL COUNCIL 2006/2007

(Constitutional Services)

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1 PURPOSE

To request Council to consider changing the date of the Annual Council from Wednesday 24th May 2006 to Tuesday, 23rd May 2006.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

That Annual Council 2006 be held on Tuesday, 23rd May 2006,

3 BACKGROUND

At its meeting on 18th May 2005 the Council agreed the dates for Council meetings for the forthcoming year, including the Annual Council 2006. The date for this meeting was set for Wednesday, 24th May 2006.

4 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION AND OTHER OPTIONS

An invitation has been received from Stevenage's Twin Town of Autun, France for a small delegation from the Council to attend a "Tripartite Reunion" with a delegation from Ingelheim, Germany from 25th May- 29th May.

In order to attend this event it will be necessary for those Members and officers making up the delegation to travel on Thursday, 25th May and this may prove to be difficult for the individuals concerned with the Annual Council and Mayor Making taking place on the preceding evening. This will particularly be the case for those officers responsible for Civic Links, as they are also responsible for the planning, preparation and organisation of the Annual Council meeting and subsequent Mayoral Reception.

5 IMPLICATIONS

Changing the date of the 2006 Annual Council to Tuesday, 23rd May will curtail the Mayoral Year of Councillor Brian Underwood by one day. The Mayor has been consulted on this matter and has no objections to changing the date.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- Annual Council 2005 – Agenda & Minutes