

**Meeting: COUNCIL**

**Date: 6<sup>th</sup> December 2006**

**ANNUAL COUNCIL 2007/2008**

(Constitutional Services)

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**1 PURPOSE**

To request Council to consider changing the date of the Annual Council from Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2007 to Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2007.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Annual Council 2006 be held on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2007.

**3 BACKGROUND**

At its meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2006 the Council agreed the dates for Council meetings for the forthcoming year, including the Annual Council 2007. The date for this meeting was set for Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2007.

**4 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION AND OTHER OPTIONS**

It has now been confirmed that the Stevenage/Ingelheim/Autun “Tripartite Reunion” will be held in Stevenage in the week ending 27<sup>th</sup> May 2007, with delegations of dignitaries and townsfolk from Autun and Ingelheim arriving in Stevenage from Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> May.

Officers responsible for the Council’s Civic Link activities are also responsible for the planning, preparation and organisation of the Annual Council meeting and the Mayoral Reception that follows. With all these activities in the one week the work load for the officers concerned will be onerous but the situation is exacerbated by having Annual Council on the night immediately before the arrival of the two delegations. Accordingly Members are asked to consider bringing the date of Annual Council forward by one day.

**5 IMPLICATIONS**

Changing the date of the 2007 Annual Council to Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May will curtail the Mayoral Year of Councillor Simon Speller by one day. The Mayor has been consulted on this matter and has no objections to changing the date.

**BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

- Annual Council 2006 – Agenda & Minutes