

Review of the Electoral Cycle

SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Strategic Director of Resources has been invited to give evidence to the Resources and Governance Scrutiny Board on its review of the electoral cycle. The Strategic Director will provide evidence on the advantages and disadvantages of election by thirds and four yearly whole council elections as well as cover financial implications of the two systems.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the board receive the presentation.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Resources and Governance Board is responsible for scrutiny of items that fall within its portfolio. This evidence will help Board with its review of the electoral cycle.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

4.1 The Resources and Governance Board is currently receiving evidence from a range of individuals on the advantages and disadvantages of holding elections by thirds and four yearly whole council elections for electing local councillors . The Strategic Director of Resources Director has been invited to give his considered opinion on two systems. The Strategic Director has been specifically requested to give his views on the following issues:

- Advantages and disadvantages of holding elections by thirds and four yearly elections
- Impact of the two systems on
 - long term policy decisions of the council.
 - voter turnout
 - dealing with businesses
- Whether the neighbouring authorities operating four yearly elections held a competitive advantage over Derby

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 None

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer	N/A
Financial officer	N/A
Human Resources officer	N/A
Service Director(s)	N/A
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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications

IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 None arising from this report

Legal

- 2.1 Rule OS 24 of the constitution requires the Council Cabinet to respond within two months of receiving scrutiny reports. This requirement is also covered in Schedule 2, Section 9FE of the Localism Act 2011.

Personnel

- 3.1 None arising from this report

Equalities Impact

- 4.1 None arising from this report

Health and Safety

- 5.1 None arising from this report

Environmental Sustainability

- 6.1 None arising from this report

Asset Management

- 7.1 None arising from this report

Risk Management

- 8.1 None arising from this report

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 9.1 This report affects all the corporate priorities and objectives of the Council Plan

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