

<b>ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL</b>	
<b>MEETING:</b>	<b>COUNTY COUNCIL</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>27 January 2014</b>
<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>TIMING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS</b>
<b>REPORT BY:</b>	<b>INTERIM HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES</b>
<b>PURPOSE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>TO REPORT BACK TO THE COUNCIL AND AGREE PROPOSALS</b>

## **1. Background**

1.1 A report on the timing of Council meetings was submitted to the Council on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

1.2 Council resolved:

*“to defer consideration and that the matter be considered further by Group Leaders and the SLT (including an Equality Impact Assessment) to ascertain the feasibility of convening some meetings at either 4.00pm or 4.30pm. The outcome of such deliberations to be reported back to the County Council at the earliest opportunity.”*

## **2.0 Discussions**

2.1 The feasibility of convening some meetings at either 4.00pm or 4.30pm has been considered by Group Leaders and SLT and this is supported. Group Leaders are recommending that arrangements be piloted in respect of the Planning and Licensing Committee and the two Scrutiny Committees.

## **3.0 Equality Impact Assessment**

3.1 An initial Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken on the likely impact of starting meetings at 4.00pm and 4.30pm. This has concluded that should the Council agree to convening such meetings at either 4.00pm and 4.30pm that:

- consideration be given to minimising any potential negative impact on members by seeking to identify (from current committee membership details) where later start times would be likely to have an adverse impact;
- consideration be given to whether there are any opportunities to further promote equality by enhancing public access to meetings;
- that, if the Council ultimately decides to change the timing of its meetings, the new arrangements should be carefully monitored and reviewed as the reality of

the actual impact of any policy will only be known once it has been introduced and implemented.

#### **4.0 Recommendations**

- 1) To support the convening of some meetings at 4.00pm and 4.30pm and that arrangements be discussed with the relevant Chairs of Committees para 2.1 above.
- 2) To note the findings of the initial equality impact assessment.
- 3) That arrangements be piloted for a period of 12 months commencing in April 2014.

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