

**AGENDA ITEM**

**REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008**

**REPORT OF DIRECTOR  
OF LAW AND  
DEMOCRACY**

**Change to date/time of Council**

At its Annual Meeting held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2008 Council approved the dates for the meetings of Council for the Municipal Year 2008/09.

Subsequently the Council have been informed that the Police Authority may not have their precept information available in time for presentation to the Special Council meeting on the 25th February 2009. Therefore, like this year, it is proposed to have in reserve another Council meeting so that, if necessary, the Police Authority Precept part of budget can be taken to a subsequent full Council meeting. The 11th March Ordinary Council meeting would have been considered, however, that is one day too late in terms of budget setting/Council Tax legislation. Therefore it is considered appropriate to change the Ordinary Council meeting on the 11th March, to the 4th March, which then gives the option of being able to take taking Police Authority Precept information to that meeting.

Another related issue is that in the Democracy Diary the Special Council meetings are listed to commence at 4.30pm. However, Members may feel that it would be more appropriate for the Special Council meeting for the budget to commence at 7.00pm.

**RECOMMENDED that:-**

1. The Ordinary Council meeting due to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2009 but re-arranged to take place on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2009 and that
2. The Special Meeting of Council due to be held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2009 commence at 7.00pm rather than 4.30pm.