

GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

6 FEBRUARY 2024

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

1. From Cllr Simon Jeal to the Chairman

Item 9 - Live-streaming of Meetings

Over the past 12 months, how many (1) Councillors (2) Council officers (3) Staff from contractors or other third parties have remotely dialled into meetings via Microsoft Teams - and how many Council and BT staff have been required to facilitate these calls?

Reply:

35 Councillors have been recorded as joining meetings via Teams. We do not keep comprehensive records of officers or contractors/third parties attending meetings by Teams.

Additional Council or BT staff are not normally needed to facilitate online attendance at Teams meetings.

2. From Cllr Simon Jeal to the Chairman

Item 11- Programme of meetings 2024/25

Over the Council year 2023/24, how many meetings have been cancelled or the dates changed, and for what reasons?

Reply:

(See table overleaf.)

Supplementary Question

Do you agree that, where a chairman wants to change a meeting date, they should check with other members of the committee that they will be available?

Reply:

I would be surprised if that is not the usual practice, but, yes, I do agree.

2023/24 – Meetings Moved or Cancelled

Date	Meeting	Moved to	Cancelled	Reason
11/5/23	Licensing		Cancelled	Insufficient business
11/5/23	Plans 3		Cancelled	Insufficient business
16/5/23	Licensing		Cancelled	Insufficient business
8/6/23	Plans 1		Cancelled	Insufficient business
14/6/23	Standards		Cancelled	Insufficient business
19/7/23	Health Scrutiny	5/9/23		To align with ACH PDS
20/7/23	Plans 4		Cancelled	Insufficient business
7/8/23	ERC PDS		Cancelled	Replaced by RRH PDS
24/8/23	Licensing		Cancelled	Insufficient business
19/9/23	Health Scrutiny	21/11/23		To align with ACH PDS
21/9/23	GP&L		Cancelled	Insufficient business
17/10/23	Licensing	26/10/23		Insufficient business
6/12/23	Pensions	14/12/23		By election
7/12/23	Plans 2		Cancelled	Insufficient business
8/1/24	ERC PDS	16/1/24		To meet budget timetable
9/1/24	Economic Partnership	23/1/24		Availability of external venue
10/1/24	Executive	17/1/24		To meet budget timetable
18/1/24	Development Control		Cancelled	Insufficient business
24/1/24	Health Scrutiny	30/1/24		To align with ACH PDS
1/2/24	Health & Wellbeing	8/2/24		Clash with other health events
20/3/24	Health Scrutiny	12/3/24		To align with ACH PDS
11/4/24	Development Control	17/4/24		Clash with a Mayoral event
15/4/24	Council	11/3/24		To allow for budget meeting
Total		12	11	