

FC38. PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2015

Council considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer requesting that Council agrees a programme of meetings for 2015.

The report set out two options for members' consideration. The first followed the cycle agreed in 2013 as part of the review of decision making structures incorporating a 4 weekly cycle of meetings of the scrutiny committee.

An alternative programme was presented following a recommendation from the scrutiny committee at its meeting on 25 September 2014 (ref SCS29) that a 6 weekly cycle would better accommodate the work of any scrutiny panels and the performance panel.

Councillor C Martin, seconded by Baillie Paterson, moved that Council agrees the programme set out at appendix 2 of the report (6 weekly cycle of scrutiny committee meetings).

As an amendment, Councillor Meiklejohn, seconded by Councillor Jackson, moved that no changes be made to the current cycle of meetings pending changes to the decision making structures being approved and consequently that the programme set out at appendix 1 of the report (4 weekly cycle) be agreed.

On a division, 13 members voted for the amendment and 16 voted for the motion, with 2 abstentions.

Decision

Council (1) agreed the programme of meetings for 2015 incorporating a 6 weekly cycle for meetings of the scrutiny committee as set out in appendix 2 to the report, and (2) noted that special meetings of the Council or its committees may be called as necessary.