

ANGUS COUNCIL**POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 5 JUNE 2018****INFORMATION REPORT: COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS****REPORT BY SERVICE LEADER – LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC****ABSTRACT**

This report sets out the arrangements for the Community Council elections due to be held later this year.

1. BACKGROUND

The last scheduled Community Council elections were held in 2015, postponed from 2014 due to the number of key electoral events which were held that year – Report 573/13 refers. It was agreed at that time that due to this postponement that Community Councillors term of office would be for a period of 3 years instead of the usual 4 year term to allow the election schedule to fall back into line with the Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils.

2. CURRENT POSITION

Arrangements are now underway to hold the Community Council elections in the autumn and the proceedings for these elections will be conducted in accordance with the following timetable (based on a contested poll being held) of events:

Date	Days before poll	Event
Wednesday 29 August 2018	-35	Publication of Notice of Election
Not later than 4pm on any weekday after the date of publication of the Notice of Election		Submission of nomination papers to Returning Officer
Not later than 4pm on Wednesday 19 September 2018	-20	Final date for the submission of nomination papers to the Returning Officer
		Final date for the submission of candidates personal statements
Not later than 4pm on Wednesday 26 September 2018	-15	Final date for the withdrawal of nominations
Midnight on Monday 1 October 2018		Existing Community Councillors term of office expires
Tuesday 2 October 2018	-11	Issue letters to candidates if uncontested confirming their election and publication of Notice of Uncontested Election
Tuesday 2 October 2018	-11	Publication of Notice of Poll (if contested)
Wednesday 17 October 2018	0	Polling commences (if contested) - final dates and times to be confirmed
Wednesday 31 October 2018	+5	Counting of Votes cast – final date and time to be confirmed

* Timetable is based on a contested poll being held.

In computing any period of time for the purposes of the timetable:-

- (a) a Saturday or Sunday;
- (b) a day which is a bank holiday in Scotland under the banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971(a); or
- (c) a day appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning,

shall be disregarded, and any such day shall not be treated as a day for the purpose of any proceedings up to the completion of the poll.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising from the contents of this report. If contested polls require to be held after the close of the nomination period, costs will be contained within the Miscellaneous Services – Elections budget.

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