

<b>Item No.</b> 6.4	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 12 October 2011	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Council Assembly
<b>Report title:</b>		Date of Council Assembly in November	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That council assembly considers whether it wishes to set an alternative date for the ordinary meeting of council assembly in November 2011.
2. That should council assembly wish to set an alternative date, the meeting resolves to suspend council assembly procedure rule 2.1 (Dates and frequency of meetings).

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3. It was announced in September that a TUC Day of Action is due to take place on Wednesday 30 November 2011. This is the same day as the date agreed for council assembly in November. If the TUC Day of Action does proceed as planned it is likely to have an impact on the arrangements for council assembly.

## KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

4. Although it is quite early to assess the full impact, it is possible that because of the logistical demands of council assembly there will be some difficulties in holding such a large event on this evening. These difficulties include: the council may be unable to find a suitable venue; council assembly requires a high level of staff and external support to ensure it runs smoothly; and, it is possible the meeting might require police support at a time when police resources could be stretched.
5. The annual meeting of council assembly in May 2011 set the dates for ordinary meetings in 2011/12, and only council assembly can consider changes to these dates. Officers informed the leaders and whips of political groups on 21 September 2011 that this meeting should receive an agenda item to consider whether or not members wish to agree an alternative date, at which time the impact of the day of action might be clearer.
6. It should be noted that if a change of date was agreed this would have some impact on the council calendar. However if meetings displaced by council assembly do have any business they could be accommodated on other days.

## Legal implications

7. If council assembly wishes to set an alternative date it would have to suspend council assembly procedure rule 2.1, which states "Meetings (or ordinary meetings) shall take place on such dates agreed by the annual meeting..."

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Council Assembly Procedure Rule 2.1, Southwark Constitution	Constitutional Team 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Lesley John 020 7525 7228

## AUDIT TRAIL

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