

Full Authority Meetings

Officers' Recommendation

That Members agree to move the December Quarterly meeting to January 2024.

Background

Officers meet with Devon County Council's Finance Officers to prepare for D&S IFCA's following year's Revenue Budget in October. This is then followed by a meeting of the Finance Working Group in November. The Finance Working Group (FWG) comprises of members from each of the funding Local Authorities and D&S IFCA and DCC officers attend the meetings.

The recommendations from the FWG meeting are considered by the Full Authority in December each year. The timing of the December Quarterly meeting means that Local Authorities have not received informal guidance from Government on the level of central financial support they will receive in the following year.

The Local Authorities use the uncertainty in the level of Government's financial support to generally agree to increases in D&S IFCA's Revenue Budget that are below the increases that Local Authorities then apply to their annual budgets.

The recommendation is to move the FWG to the second week in January and move the December Quarterly meeting to the last Thursday in January. All the Local Authorities will then be in an informed position to consider increases in the D&S IFCA Revenue Budget.

Background Papers

None

End.