

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Council
Date: 22 January 2014
Report for: To note
Report of: Chief Executive

Report Title

Elections 2014

Summary

To inform Members of arrangements for the Local Government and European Parliamentary elections in May 2014. The date of the Local election is later than that set out in the Constitution as a result of an Order setting the election on the same date as the European Parliamentary election. The report also sets out details of the arrangements for the count.

Recommendation(s)

That the report be noted.

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Background Papers:

None

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The Council's constitution states that the ordinary election of a third of all councillors will be held on the first Thursday in May in each year.
- 1.2 However, as the European Parliamentary elections are to be held this year, the Government has used the power in section 37A of the Representation of the People Act 1983 to make an order to move the date of the local elections so that they and the European Parliamentary elections take place at the same time and are combined. Polling takes place on Thursday, 22nd May.
- 1.3 The arrangements for the counting of votes have also been changed. It was felt that trying to complete the verification for the European and Local elections and the count for the Local elections on the evening of the election would take too long to be reasonable for candidates and staff. Therefore the verification and count will take place on Friday 23 May. Group Leaders have been informed of this. The European Election count will take place on Sunday 25th May.
- 1.4 The Annual Meeting of Council will be held on the 11th June 2014.