

Meeting Time Feedback (appendix)

21 responses were received from members, the majority through the form, some either not on the form or who provided additional commentary.

Most members explained their personal position and their local responsibilities as Parish Councillors or similar in one way or another.

15 responses were that they would prefer timings to remain entirely as they are at present, or suggested a single variation though it should be noted no two suggested variations matched another persons.

2 responses suggested that all meetings should move to evenings exclusively.

1 response indicated the member believed all meetings should be held exclusively in the morning.

3 responses did not address the point on timing and left the section blank. Whilst it could be argued these are effectively indications that they wish to retain the status quo as an abstention, I note them separately.

7 responses commented about putting meetings online which are so allowed to do in law. One of the suggestions was however for a statutory meeting which is not allowed to be held online.

12 responses indicated that some meetings in the evening would be positive. Strongest support with 5 was Full Council. All other suggestions (between 1 and 3 votes each) went to Cabinet, Environment Panel, Housing Panel, Economic Development Panel, Business Routing Panel and one voice for licensing sub committees. One member suggested Planning should move to the evening, but that member also suggested that he wanted all meetings in the day elsewhere on his form so his response was contradictory.

There were a number of discussions about timing with points being made about starting at 10am (due to common problems getting in for 930, the issues around child care forcing them to be later coming in and so on) and timing of evening meetings with several mentioning either 5pm or 6pm as a workable starting time.