

Notice of Motion Referral from the Council Meeting held on 9 February 2016

(a) Cancelled Meetings

Proposed by Councillor Matthew Winnington
Seconded by Councillor Ben Dowling

This Council regrets the cancellation of Full Council, Cabinet, Health and Social Care & Culture and Leisure decision making meetings in January. The meetings were all cancelled for 'lack of urgent business' but with local people having immediate important issues they want addressing at Full Council, Cabinet, Health and Social Care & Culture and Leisure meetings it has given the impression that the cancellation of the meetings is a way of ignoring their concerns and stopping them having a say.

This council urges Governance and Audit and Standards Committee to consider an amendment to Standing Orders to require the administration to ensure that all parties on the council are consulted in future before cancellation of any further decision making meetings (following best practice from the likes of the Housing cabinet member and others) and that when 'urgent business' is considered that petitions and other pressing questions and issues from local residents are included in that definition.