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Response #	Question 5 - Do you have any suggestions as to how Full Council meetings should be scheduled?
1	Late pm or early evening may be better for most
2	looking at other councils and learning from their experiences but best set as other meetings every year at the beginning of the civic year one time for all meetings to save confusion
3	I feel we should have 3 trials - a morning, a 4pm and a 6pm, before deciding on a permanent change. Not sure if we have ruled out the idea of different times on different months - perhaps it would lead to confusion, but it would be a way of sharing out the inconvenience!
4	Start times should be 4.00 but consideration should be given to alternate meetings beginning at 6.00.
5	Either 10.00 or 18.00. Preferably 10 as least disruptive and allows me (and officers) to get it done.
6	I would be happy to consider a start time of around 3/3.30pm if it's absolutely necessary, but would personally prefer things staying as they are.
7	Whatever suits those folk who are not retired like me
8	Although it hasn't been proposed, 5pm would be better for me and might also be better for people working full time, and for those with child care responsibilities
9	Earlier in the day.
10	No
11	I think Full Council is less of an issue than committee meeting scheduling. Because FC is the "main event" people can probably make arrangements to manage their other obligations, and employers will understand. But to play a full part in being a councillor, councillors ought to be able to sit on scrutiny and planning committees, and there are more of those.
12	no
13	An option to video call in using the new tech enabled council chamber would make fitting attendance around other commitments much easier
14	I feel it works well but tbh would prefer 1pm so I can still make school run and not have to arrange childcare. However some work full time and this is not feasible so happy to go with the majority, but between 3-6 would make it very difficult for me to attend.
15	I would say 2pm or 4 pm would be most sensible
16	Least disruption to Cllr's but also paying regard to inclement weather seasons
17	I'd be quite happy to alternate Full Council sessions between the afternoon and the evening.
18	I want it to be far for all

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19	I do not have a preference, however, Councillors do receive a calendar of meetings 12 months in advance. Even when there are changes to the schedule, Councillors are usually made aware of any changes with fair notice.
20	no
21	No
22	Tuesday 4 June 2024,ybe use different times
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24	I think we should stay as we are. Personally I am flexible
25	If Council meetings are to be scheduled in the evening as opposed to during the day, then the evening starts at 7:00pm or later. So either hold the Council meeting during the day time, for which I would and can arrange my time to attend or schedule them in the evening, i.e. from 7:00pm or later. 6:00pm is not really any better than 2:00pm. It still conflicts with the working day so I would need to take time away from work to attend. Whereas 7:00pm is after the working day. Obviously 6:00pm is marginally better than 2:00pm as I could take 1 or 2 hours out, to attend at 6:00pm whereas 2:00pm requires the entire afternoon.
26	No
27	NO
28	Alternate between majority wishes and second choice
29	Am fairly happy with 2pm otherwise evening would be my second preference. I am happy to fit around others who have more pressing commitments.

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30	<p>When I stood for election it was with a clear understanding of how the historic times would mesh in with work/life/child care requirements.</p> <p>I selected overview and scrutiny as it's of greater interest, but it maybe possible to substitute a colleague permanently in Licensing or Planning.</p> <p>I would just rather not a) claim expenses unnecessarily when I suspect most members have similar flexibility in law that I do and b) give overly regular apologies because the goalposts have moved.</p> <p>I am still trying to find child minding, but most that have space want a more regular booking, as you would if self-employed. So it's rather tricky unless the kids can come into the chamber if sat quietly as an absolute fall back solution?</p>
31	Suggest either 2pm or 4pm to allow those working to leave early to attend.
32	The principle should be that no councillor is excluded from the time slot due to their circumstances, employment or otherwise.