



GOVERNMENT OF NORFOLK ISLAND

GENERAL ASSEMBLY PAPER

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING: 22 August 2026

NOTICE PAPER ITEM:

2. GOVERNANCE CHARTER AMENDMENTS

2.3 Change of Date of November Meeting of the General Assembly

Purpose:

To report the decision of the House to change the date of the November 2026 General Assembly from 14 November 2026 to 25 November 2026 and amend the scheduled meeting dates in Part H of the Governance Charter & Operational Manual 2026 accordingly.

Motion:

Motion for noting. No further approval or endorsement of the amendments is sought.

Rationale:

Part H, clause 40 of the Governance Charter & Operational Manual 2026 records the scheduled General Assembly meeting dates for 2026, including the final meeting scheduled for 14 November 2026.

Part H also provides that operational arrangements may be amended by resolution of the House, provided the amendment does not alter the constitutional hierarchy established under the Charter.

The House has agreed that the November General Assembly will instead be held on 25 November 2026. This is an administrative scheduling change only. It does not alter the constitutional role, authority or operation of the General Assembly.

The scheduled meeting dates recorded under Part H, clause 40 are therefore amended as follows:

Replace: 14 November 2026

with: 25 November 2026

Outcome Sought

That the General Assembly notes the revised date of 25 November 2026 for the final scheduled General Assembly meeting of 2026.

The revised date will be recorded in the consolidated Governance Charter & Operational Manual 2026 and reflected in future Government notices and publications.

Impact Assessment

- Environmental Sustainability

No direct environmental impact has been identified.

- Social Sustainability

Public notification of the revised date will provide the community with advance notice and support continued participation in the General Assembly.

- Economic Sustainability

No material financial impact is anticipated.

- Cultural Sustainability

The amendment does not affect the cultural role or direct-democracy function of the General Assembly.

- Governance & Constitutional Sustainability

The amendment is an operational scheduling change authorised under Part H of the Governance Charter. It does not alter the constitutional hierarchy, authority or institutional structure established by the Charter.

Timely public notification and consistent updating of Government records will support procedural clarity and public confidence.

Resolution

That the General Assembly:

1. notes the decision of the House to change the date of the November 2026 General Assembly from 14 November 2026 to 25 November 2026;
2. notes the corresponding amendment to the scheduled General Assembly meeting dates recorded under Part H, clause 40 of the Governance Charter & Operational Manual 2026;
3. notes that the amendment is an operational scheduling change and does not alter the constitutional role or authority of the General Assembly; and
4. notes that the revised date will be publicly notified and incorporated into the consolidated Governance Charter & Operational Manual 2026.

Moved: Councillor, Rebecca Hayes

Date: 11 August 2026