
Subject: DRAFT CALENDAR OF ORDINARY MEETINGS 2018/19

Meeting and Date: Council – 31 JANUARY 2018

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Classification: UNRESTRICTED

Purpose of the report: The Constitution requires that the Calendar of Ordinary Meetings be set at the Annual Meeting of the Council.

Recommendation: That the Draft Calendar of Ordinary Meetings for 2018/19 be approved in principle subject to final ratification at the Annual Meeting of Council in May 2018.

1. Summary

In order to provide Members, Officers, other partner local authorities and the general public with as much notice as possible, a provisional Programme of Ordinary Meetings is presented to the Council in January of each year prior to its final ratification at the Annual Meeting of the Council.

2. Introduction and Background

2.1 The Programme of Ordinary Meetings for 2018/19 is based on a 6-8 week cycle that commences with a meeting of the Cabinet and ends with a meeting of the Council. In between those two points all other committee business takes place.

2.2 Wherever possible efforts have been made to avoid school holiday dates and political party conferences.

2.3 It should be emphasised that the calendar set out in Appendix 1 only applies to committees with scheduled meetings. It does not apply to any committees that are called on an ad-hoc basis as business warrants, such as the General Purposes Committee, or any sub-committees.

3. Identification of Options

3.1 There are three options available to the Council:

3.2 Option A – To approve the Calendar of Ordinary Meetings for 2018/19 as set out in Appendix 1.

3.3 Option B – To approve the Calendar of Ordinary Meetings for 2018/19 with amendments.

3.4 Option C – To not approve the Calendar of Ordinary Meetings for 2018/19.

4. Evaluation of Options

4.1 The recommended option is Option A as this supports the existing decision route cycle and avoids wherever possible school holidays and political party conferences.

4.2 Options B and C are not recommended as it may require adjustments to the existing decision route cycle.

4.3 In the event that any Member wishes to propose Option B, thereby changing the provisional Calendar of Ordinary Meetings, they are asked to contact the Democratic Services Manager prior to the date of the meeting at which this report is considered in order that the feasibility of rearranging the meeting can be established.

5. **Resource Implications**

There are no resource implications arising from this report as set out. However, if significant changes were to be made to the Calendar of Ordinary Meetings then this may need to be re-evaluated.

6. **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Calendar of Ordinary Meetings 2018/19

Appendix 2 – List of School Holidays and Party Political Conference Dates 2018/19

7. **Background Papers**

None

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