

**TO: COUNCIL  
30 NOVEMBER 2016**

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**SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2017/18  
Director of Corporate Services**

**1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To seek approval to the proposed Schedule of Meetings 2017/8.

**2 RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 **That the schedule of meetings 2017/18 as set out in the annex to this report be approved.**

**3 REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

3.1 To enable arrangements for the next municipal year's meetings to be put in place and assist members plan their diaries for the year ahead.

**4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

4.1 An extensive consultation took place with Directors, Chief Officers and other key officers regarding the timetable to ensure as far as possible that the schedule provides for meetings when decisions are required so that all matters are dealt with on a timely basis. Adjustments could be made to the timetable but adjusting one meeting date is likely to have an impact on a number of others given the inter-relationship between meetings and the limited number of dates available throughout the year.

**5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

5.1 The timetable has been drawn up having regard to the usual limitations:

- Avoiding meetings during the school holidays as far as possible.
- Leaving a gap of at least 8 days between meetings of the Executive and Council to allow time for the Executive report (and any recommendations) to be published either with the Council agenda or the next day.
- Avoiding 7.30 meetings on Fridays.
- Scheduling each committee's meetings on the same day of the week throughout the year.
- Avoiding a gap of more than 5 weeks between meetings of the Planning Committee.

- 5.2 If the schedule is agreed, it is hoped that members will only seek to change these dates in exceptional circumstances as to do so inevitably causes problems for some people. With a significant number of twin-hatted members, concerns have been expressed about clashes with parish and town council meetings. By setting the dates for this Council's meetings now, the parish and town councils have the opportunity to plan around our meetings. It is therefore all the more important to avoid in-year changes unless absolutely necessary so that potential clashes can be avoided.
- 5.3 Council is accordingly invited to approve the schedule set out in the annex to this report.

## **6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS**

### Borough Solicitor

- 6.1 Not sought.

### Borough Treasurer

- 6.2 Not sought.

### Equalities Impact Assessment

- 6.3 Not applicable.

### Strategic Risk Management Issues

- 6.4 Not applicable.

## **7 CONSULTATION**

### Principal Groups Consulted

- 7.1 Corporate Management Team (CMT).

### Method of Consultation

- 7.2 A report on the proposed schedule was presented to CMT.

### Representations Received

- 7.3 CMT has endorsed the schedule of meetings as submitted.

### Background Papers

None

### Contact for further information

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