



Open Report on behalf of Andrew Crookham, Executive Director - Resources

Report to:	County Council
Date:	21 May 2021
Subject:	Calendar of Meetings 2021/22

Summary:

This report proposes a Calendar of Meeting dates, shown in Appendix A for the year 2021/22.

Recommendation:

That the Calendar of Meeting dates, as shown in Appendix A, be approved.

1. Background

The Council's Constitution requires that the Council approves a programme of ordinary meetings of the Council for the year at its Annual Meeting.

Attached is a schedule of proposed dates for 2021/22. The 2021 dates are based on those agreed by the Council in May 2020, and as later amended, and the 2022 dates are based on the 2021 schedule.

2. Legal Issues:

Equality Act 2010

Under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the Council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:

- * Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act
- * Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it
- * Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

The relevant protected characteristics are age; disability; gender reassignment; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation

Having due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to:

* Remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic

* Take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it

* Encourage persons who share a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low

The steps involved in meeting the needs of disabled persons that are different from the needs of persons who are not disabled include, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities

Having due regard to the need to foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to tackle prejudice, and promote understanding

Compliance with the duties in section 149 may involve treating some persons more favourably than others

The duty cannot be delegated and must be discharged by the decision-maker. To discharge the statutory duty the decision-maker must analyse all the relevant material with the specific statutory obligations in mind. If a risk of adverse impact is identified consideration must be given to measures to avoid that impact as part of the decision making process

There are no implications of the Equality Act 2010 in adopting the Calendar of Meeting Dates for 2020/21.

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA and the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS)

The Council must have regard to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) in coming to a decision

There are no implications for the JSNA of JHWS in relation to approval of these dates.

Crime and Disorder

Under section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, the Council must exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its area (including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment), the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in its area and re-offending in its area.

There are no implications in relation to Crime and Disorder from the approval of these dates.

3. Conclusion

Councillors are asked to consider and approve the Calendar of Meeting Dates for 2021/22 as detailed in Appendix A.

4. Legal Comments:

The Council's Constitution provides for the Annual Council Meeting to approve a programme of ordinary meetings of the Council for the forthcoming year.

5. Resource Comments:

There are no specific financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

6. Consultation**a) Has Local Member Been Consulted?**

n/a

b) Has Executive Councillor Been Consulted?

n/a

c) Scrutiny Comments

n/a

d) Risks and Impact Analysis

n/a

7. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report

Appendix A	Calendar of Meeting Dates 2021/22 – to be circulated as part of the Order of Proceedings for the meeting.
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8. Background Papers

The following background papers as defined in the Local Government Act 1972 were relied upon in the writing of this report.

Document title	Where the document can be viewed
Calendar of Meeting Dates 2020/21	Democratic Services and the Council Website

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