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Meeting:	Council
Meeting date:	22nd March 2023
Title of report:	TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS 2023-2024
Report by:	Leader of Council
Decision Type:	COUNCIL
Ward(s) to which report relates	ALL

Executive Summary:

To consider the meeting arrangements and agree the Timetable of Meetings for the 2023/24 Municipal Year as set out in Appendix A, in accordance with the Council Constitution.

Recommendation(s)

That:

1. That the timetable of meetings for the 2023/24 Municipal Year, as set out, be approved.

(Recommended Option)

2. To consider alternative meeting arrangements.

Key considerations

1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 An extensive review of meeting arrangements was undertaken as part of the constitutional review.

2.0 ISSUES

2.1 Consultations on the operation of the current year's meeting arrangements have identified general satisfaction with no adverse comments received.

2.2 Specific regard in the 2023/24 Timetable has been taken of: -

- Principal religious holy days in the Christian, Jewish and Muslim Calendars
- Political Party Conferences
- School holidays
- A summer Recess during August
- Elected Member Training

3.0 CONCLUSION

3.1 The Council is asked to approve the attached Timetable.

Community impact/links with Community Strategy

Equality Impact and considerations:

Under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the 'general duty' on public authorities is set out as follows:

A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to -

- (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;*
- (b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;*
- (c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.*

The public sector equality duty (specific duty) requires us to consider how we can positively contribute to the advancement of equality and good relations, and demonstrate that we are paying 'due regard' in our decision making in the design of policies and in the delivery of services.

Consultation:

Group Leaders – Democratic Arrangements Forum 03.11.2022

Legal Implications:

The proposed meetings timetable comply with the Council Constitution.

Financial Implications:

There are no additional costs inherent in these proposals. The costs of meetings will be met from within existing resources.

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