

SUBJECT:	DIARY OF MEETINGS FOR 2022/23
MEETING:	County Council
DATE:	4 November 2021
DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED:	N/A

1. PURPOSE:

To approve the diary of meetings for 2022/2023.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the diary of meetings for 2022/2023, as attached, be approved.

3. KEY ISSUES:

- 3.1 The diary includes, for information only, dates of meetings for political groups and outside bodies that are not agreed by Council and are subject to change by the organising bodies.
- 3.2 As per previous years, as far as is practicable meetings have not been scheduled during school holidays as requested by Councillors. There is an inevitable need to hold some meetings during school holidays so that the diary does not become too congested and avoids clashes with other meetings and priorities but these have been kept to a minimum.
- 3.3 Included within the diary are proposed induction sessions for new councillors following the election in 2022. Democratic Services Committee have received and reviewed the timetable for the induction programme. Sessions have been kept to minimum to not congest and overburden members at the outset, however this needs to be balanced with ensuring councillors are given the required training to allow the Council to carry out its functions as soon as possible. Mandatory/essential induction modules will run from May to end of July alongside the first meetings of some committees. Following the summer recess in August, further induction sessions will be introduced covering less time critical topics but nevertheless important to bring all members up to speed with work of the Council.
- 3.4 Induction sessions are included in the diary with a 10:00am start time. These are provisional and times will be confirmed closer to the time. The opportunity for recording induction session as well as attending remotely will be increased due to the upgrading of the Council chamber with full benefits being assessed following completion of the works. The WLGA are leading on a programme of works for e-learning modules looking to be available before the 2022 elections which can help compliment the induction programme and any members who are unable to attend a planned induction session.
- 3.5 All candidates standing for election at the May 2022 local elections will be provided with the council diary and induction timetable at the point of submitting their nomination, as well as informed through candidate briefing sessions, to highlight the commitment needed to the role.

4. REASONS:

The Council calendar needs to be approved annually to ensure appropriate governance arrangements are in place for the year and enables Members and officers to forward plan effectively.

Early indication of the induction programme will ensure all candidates standing for election are aware of the commitment they will need to give the role immediately following the election.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

None as a direct result of this report.

6. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS:

There are no sustainable development or equality impacts arising from this report.

7. SAFEGUARDING AND CORPORATE PARENTING IMPLICATIONS

There are no safeguarding or corporate parenting implications associated with this report.

8. CONSULTEES:

Democratic Services Committee
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9. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

None.

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