

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>DIARY OF MEETINGS FOR 2017/18</b>
<b>MEETING:</b>	<b>COUNTY COUNCIL</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> March 2017</b>
<b>DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED:</b>	<b>N/A</b>

**1. PURPOSE:**

To approve the diary of meetings for 2017/18.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the diary of meetings for 2017/18, as attached, be approved.

**3. KEY ISSUES:**

- 3.1 Each Committee has reviewed the timing of their meetings and the diary has been drawn up to reflect each Committee's preferences.
- 3.2 Some Committees set their own dates during the year eg SACRE, Appointment of LEA Governors Committee, Strategic Programme Boards, Corporate Parenting Panel and these will be added to the diary in due course.
- 3.3 The diary for 2017/18 needs to take in to account the time required for newly elected members to undertake the necessary training to carry out their duties as a Councillor and for specific committees.
- 3.4 The diary includes dates of meetings for cabinet boards, political groups and outside bodies that are not agreed by the Council and are subject to change by the organising bodies.
- 3.5 As per previous years, as far as is practicable meetings have not been scheduled during school holidays as requested by Councillors. However, a small number of meetings have been scheduled to meet during these periods due to the need to ensure new councillors receive the required training before committees begin making decisions as well fulfilling a complete schedule of meetings within the diary year.

**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.

**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:**

Senior Leadership Team; Political Group Leaders,

**9. BACKGROUND PAPERS:**

None.

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