

**PROPOSED BUSINESS PROGRAMME FOR 2022/23**

**Report of the Strategic Head of Service  
(Legal & Democratic Governance) & Monitoring Officer**

**1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To consider the proposed Business Programme for 2022/23.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The proposed Business Programme for 2022/23 is at Appendix 1.
- 2.2 The proposed Business Programme for 2022/23 maintains six cycles of scrutiny committee meetings, Cabinet meetings and Council Meetings and eight cycles of area committees and the Licensing, Environment & Safety and Planning & Highways Regulation committees.
- 2.3 In addition to the six cyclical meetings of the Council Meeting, the additional statutory Annual Meeting of the Council is scheduled to take place within 21 days of the election as required by law.
- 2.4 Until further legislation is made by Parliament, all committee meetings convened under the Local Government Act 1972, will need to proceed in person (physical meetings). Work is ongoing by officers in preparation for hybrid and/or remote meetings in the event that they may be permitted by Parliament in the future.
- 2.5 The proposal takes into account, in so far as possible, councillor requests to avoid holding meetings within school holidays and to avoid holding meetings on religious festivals/holidays/high holy days.

**3. FINANCIAL AND RISK ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

- 3.1 There are none.

**4. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- 4.1 Committee meetings that have a regulatory or statutory function/obligation (such as those that deal with planning or licensing matters) have to remain on an eight meeting cycle per year in order to meet their statutory functions.

**5. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPACT**

- 5.1 There are none.

## **6. EQUALITIES IMPACT**

6.1 There are none.

## **7. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

7.1 There is none.

## **8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 The Council Meeting is recommended give approval to the proposed Business Programme for 2022/23.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

There are none

Anyone wishing to inspect the above background papers or requiring further information should contact Vicki Bates

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